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Hongkong queues to read pact

Almost a million copies of the draft agreement between Britain and China on the future of Hongkong had been distributed in the colony by last night. To cope with the queues, a print order has been placed for another 800,000

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Tax rebate hope for ex-wives

Hundreds of divorced women may claim tax rebates over maintenance orders after a divorced mother won a court ruling that the maintenance money could go to her son, thus becoming tax-free **Page 3**

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Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone claimed judges were subjected to unreasonable and ill-informed attacks by the press and politicians and they had hounded one judge to death **Page 2**

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The appeal by Michael Bettaney, the MI5 officer jailed for 23 years for offering to spy for the Russians, is to be heard on *November 13.*

Olympic move

The International Olympic Committee is to investigate fairer ways of distributing profits from the Games, which amounted to some £120 million in Los Angeles

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In the balance

Britain's Davis Cup tie with Yugoslavia is delicately poised. Yugoslavia won the first rubber but John Lloyd's match was interrupted by bad light at 5-5 in the final set **Page 21**

Labour offers new peace formula to end coal strike

● **Labour Party leaders have proposed a new peace formula to end the miners' strike which could form the basis of fresh negotiations next week**

● **It is understood that party officials are keen to soften union insistence that only "exhausted" pits can be closed by substituting the word "exhausting"**

● **Present moves to end the dispute seem certain to fail, however, in view of Mr Arthur Scargill's reiteration that he will not accept the closure of "uneconomic" pits**

● **The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, has told Mr Ian MacGregor that he regrets the description of him as an "elderly imported American"**

By David Felton and Paul Routledge

A new peace initiative in the mining dispute put forward by Labour Party leaders could form the basis of the fresh negotiations between the National Union of Mineworkers and the National Coal Board expected next week.

But even as news of the initiative leaked out yesterday, the miners' president, Mr Arthur Scargill, was restating so belligerently their refusal to accept closure of "uneconomic" pits that present moves to end the strike seem certain to fail.

"There can be no compromise on the question of closure of pits and destruction of jobs", Mr Scargill said. "We are not prepared after seven months of strike to concede one point on this issue."

The coal board "has to move towards out position", he added in a policy statement unanimously backed by his 24-man national executive.

Although details of the Labour formula were not being divulged it is understood that party officials are keen to soften the union's insistence that only "exhausted" pits can be closed, possibly by using the word "exhausting".

That change can be justified, it is argued, by the union's acceptance at local level before the strike of the closure of two pits in Nottinghamshire which at present produce between them one million tonnes of coal a year but whose reserves are close to being exhausted to the point of unworkability.

The *thrust* of the new proposals appears to be to take the closure initiative away from national level and switch it to local level, where union officials and local board managers can argue the case for the survival of specific pits.

The formula has been communicated to the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS), which has been trying to arrange peace talks, and is also being considered by the coal board leadership, according to senior party officials.

Labour's formula would entail a compromise from the union which its leadership has so far shown a marked reluctance to accept, although party officials are equally insistent that there can be no possibility of the miners compromising on their demand for the with*drawal by the coal board of the* programme to reduce the size of the industry by 20,000 men and 20 pits in 12 months.

Never the less, those working for a resumption of talks have been dismayed by recent statements by the Prime Minister and Mr Scargill, in which both forcibly stated their reluctance to compromise on pit closures.

The statements were thought to have made the peace process more difficult, although those close to attempts to reopen negotiations are optimistic that both sides will agree to meet soon.

Labour leaders are backing the miners in their argument that the coal board should revise its production targets after the loss of 50 million tonnes of production during the strike, and that a precondition of any *final deal* must be the reinstatement of about 500 miners dismissed for alleged misconduct.

The plan's sponsors recognize the serious political ramifications of acceptance by the Government of a deal proposed by the Labour Party.

They also claim that they have evidence of recent communications between Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Ian MacGregor, the coal board chairman, in which the Prime Minister indicated that government support for him was conditional on his determination to close uneconomic pits.

Labour leaders believe that a combination of factors, including the growing cost of the strike, the threat of winter power cuts and increasing demands from business leaders that the strike be brought to an end, could make pressure for a settlement difficult to resist.

Yesterday *Mr Scargill* said after his executive's meeting in Sheffield: "We shall continue to operate in line with the decisions of this union, and of

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Mr Gromyko makes a point during his speech to the General Assembly.

Gromyko attack on US leaves door open to dialogue

From Nicholas Ashford, New York

Declaring that "the Soviet Union wants peace and only peace with the United States", Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, called yesterday on the Reagan Administration to demonstrate with deeds and not only words its desire to improve relations with Moscow.

In a strongly-worded speech to the United Nations General assembly *on the eve of today's* meeting with President Reagan, Mr Gromyko blamed the US for the collapse of nuclear arms control talks and the current frigidity in US-Soviet relations.

But in an indirect response to President Reagan's speech before the General Assembly on Monday, in which he called for constructive negotiations with Moscow, Mr Gromyko carefully left the door open for a continuation of high level dialogue with the US.

"Today, many people are wondering anxiously if everything has been lost and the only thing left is to acknowledge that international relations have plunged into total darkness, he declared towards the end of his 70-minute speech.

"We do not accept such a view of the situation in the world. A feeling of doom is alien to our world outlook. An insurmountable barrier must be erected against war. An end must be put to the piling up of weapons in the world."

Most of his speech was devoted to a lengthy attack on the US and its Nato allies who, he claimed, had responded to Soviet attempts to halt the arms race "through modernisation of arms and through improvement and stockpiling of weapons".

Without ever mentioning President Reagan by name, Mr Gromyko appeared sceptical about the genuineness of the President's call for a fresh approach to reducing international tensions.

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In a reference to the Reagan Administration's tough anti-Soviet policies of the past three and a half years, the 75-year-old Foreign Minister declared: "Those who determine US policy today will have to do a lot so that their words and obligations they assume could be trusted. No attempt to substitute modifications in form for the substance of a policy and for the need to move away from militarism towards a policy of peace can be meaningful.

"The Soviet Union believes it is precisely concrete deeds rather than verbal assurances that can lead to normalising the situation in our relations with the US. The USSR will not be found wanting. Every American, every American family should know that the Soviet Union wants peace and only peace with the US."

However, Mr Gromyko cast the US in the role of a "militaristic" and "obstructionist" agressor who was to blame for virtually every escalation in world tension from the initial development of nuclear weapons to the proposed militarisation of outer space.

The military preparations of the US and its allies, he charged, had produced "a palisade of missiles – strategic bombers, naval armadas plying the waters of seas and oceans – hundreds of military bases scattered all over the globe – and colossal stockpiles of weapons of every type."

He also called on the assembly to approve another newly-submitted Soviet resolution condemning "state terrorism". The action was directed at the US which is supporting anti-government rebels in Nicaragua as well as providing sanctuary to large numbers of emigres *from Communist countries.*

Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, who sat silently throughout Mr Gromyko's speech, said afterwards that it was "sad and disappointing" that the Soviet Foreign Minister should give "yet another misrepresentation of history and a distortion of the peaceful and

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Benn plea threatens Kinnock unity bid

By Philip Webster and David Felton

As Mr *Neil* Kinnock attempted yesterday to secure wider union backing for the plan to allow the reselection of Labour MPs by the full membership of local parties, Mr Tony Benn opened up the prospect of another phase of internal constitutional argument by asking the left to *campaign for elections to* Labour's shadow cabinet to be taken away from MPs and given to an electoral college.

Mr Kinnock was involved in behind-the-scenes moves to persuade the Transport and General Workers' Union delegation to next week's Labour conference in Blackpool to *reject the advice of* its executive and back the one member-one vote plan.

Although Mr Kinnock is confident he can win Monday's vote without the backing of the TGWU, he is anxious to secure as large a majority as possible on an issue which has inevitably come to be seen as a test *of his leadership.*

He is determined to resist calls, renewed yesterday, to retreat. But he is understood to have offered transport union leaders, in return for a vote in principle in favour of one member one vote, a year's grace in which the possible imperfections in the proposals could be looked at and guidelines drawn up for local parties.

If accepted, the deal would go some way towards meeting the demands of critics who have argued for delay, but it would still give the Labour leader a significant vote in favour of the principle.

***The next round of reselec*tions is due to begin in December but Mr Kinnock's view apparently is that local parties would be unlikely to rush the procedure if they knew that guidelines were being drawn up. Those parties bent on getting rid of their MPs could in any case do so under the proposals as they stand, because they are optional.**

Mr Benn's proposal for a change in the method of electing the shadow cabinet came as many in the party were hoping that the constitutional disputes were at last ending. His idea would mean that the *election of the shadow cabinet* would be taken from the parliamentary party, which is still dominated by the centre-right, and given to an electoral college, as already happens for the leadership and deputy leadership elections.

It came in an interview in the left-wing *Labour Herald* in which Mr Benn also urged that any decision on the reselection rule change be deferred.

He said: "There is, however, democratic reform we shall have to promote soon. That is the election of the shadow cabinet by electoral college. You cannot have a party with *two centres of power, as it is* now.

Runcie unrepentant but with regrets

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, has told Mr Ian MacGregor, the *chairman of the* National Coal Board, he regretted the Bishop of Durham's description of the NCB chief as an "elderly imported American."

But the archbishop yesterday also emphatically denied "repenting" over this support for the bishop's speech on the mining dispute. Dr Runcie said repeatedly that he agreed with the bishop's basic approach, and Gospel could not be "confined to the vestry".

The bishop himself, the Right Rev David Jenkins, said yesterday his reference to Mr MacGregor "was in no way directed at his personal integrity, sincerity, or efforts for a solution to the strike."

At his enthronement service a week ago, the bishop had suggested Mr MacGregor's *withdrawal* from the coal board chairmanship might help towards a settlement, as would less intransigence from Mr Arthur Scargill. He also de*plored the* way Government policies seemed to enrich the well-to-do while ignoring the plight of the poor.

Just as the subsequent furore was subsiding, the *Daily Mail* led its front page yesterday with the headline "Runcie Repents", saying that Dr Runcie had written personally to Mr MacGregor to apologise on behalf of the church for the "elderly imported American" remark, and for his initial public defence of the bishop.

Dr Runcie and his staff at Lambeth Palace spent much of yesterday denying the substance of the report, reaffirming the archbishop's generally favourable view of the bishop's sermon, and confirming that an exchange of letters with Mr MacGregor had taken place. Each letter was handwritten

"I said that I had sympathized with Mr MacGregor for any hurt that had been caused to him or his family by personal remarks made in the sermon," Dr Runcie said. He saw his letter as a "pastoral act", he told *The Times*, in the spirit of the principles of reconciliation that the Bishop of Durham had been advocating.

"I am astonished that the escalation built upon speculation has reached such heights," Dr Runcie added.

"We are creating areas of despair and poverty, and mistrust about the future. There will come a time, as you can see

Sympathy: Dr Runcie and Mr MacGregor.

in some of the things being said, that the generality of British people will wake up and say this is not a decent sort of society in which to live. And we have lost our international reputation for compromise".

The Bihop of Durham said in a satement that the Archbishop of Canterbury had telephoned him to repudiate the *Daily Mail* report, as "completely misrepresenting" the exchange of letters. Relations between himself and the archbishop were "as open and confident as they have always been."

The statement said: "I should like to add that my phrase about Mr MacGregor was ... meant to draw attention to the provocative nature of the Government's 'importing' him from the States, and from the British Steel Corpration, into a situation where such an action was bound to increase tension *and confrontation.*"

The *Church of England Newspaper*, which deplored the appointment of Professor Jenkins as Bishop of Durham earlier this year, said in its editorial yesterday: "For once, we stand with David Jenkins," who had acted "rightly and bravely in dealing with the miners' strike".

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Pits strike fails to halt fuel surplus

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Britain is still exporting more fuel than *it* imports, despite an increase in the use of oil – up 30.4 per cent in the second quarter of this year – to combat the effects of the miner's strike. Coal output from working pits is almost matching consumption.

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The figures show that coal stocks at the power stations have been diminishing at the rate of 777,000 tonnes a month, but that there were 15.9 million tonnes in stock at power stations at the end of July and 22.3 million tonnes held in stock by the National Coal Board.

Coal consumption in the second quarter fell by 41 per cent, oil consumption rose by 30.4 per cent and the use of nuclear power increased by 15.6 per cent. Gas use increased by 3.6 per cent in the same period.

Total coal consumption in the three-month period was 9 million tonnes while working mines produced 5.2 million tonnes and open cast sites 3.7 *million tonnes, a total only* marginally below consumption.

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Vickers opts out of Barrow yard sale

By Jonathan Davis, Business Correspondent

Vickers, the engineering company, yesterday abandoned its plans to buy back the profitable state-owned naval shipyard at Barrow-in-Furness, and said one reason was fears that the Trident nuclear submarine project might be scrapped.

The Barrow yard, where the Trident submarines which the Government has asked British Shipbuilders to sell back to the private sector by next year. Vickers, one of Britain's oldest engineering concerns, was the original owner of the yard until it was nationalized in 1977.

Mr David Plastow, the managing director and chief executive, said yesterday, however, that the company had decided against making a bid to buy its old business back from the Government. he gave three main reasons, including the possible cancellation of Trident.

The others were fears that the yard might be renationalized again in a few years if there were a change of Government, and doubts whether it would any longer fit in with the companies post-recession recovery strategy.

A Vickers spokesman said that the fears about Trident were not based on any "inside knowledge" about the present Government's intentions, but were a matter of prudence.

All the main opposition parties have promised to cancel Trident, and the Government is coming under increasing pressure from its own backbenchers about the rapidly escalating cost of the project, which has now reached more than £10,000m.

The Barrow yard employs just over 12,000 men. It made a trading profit last year of £21.2m on turnover of £226.8m, making it the most profitable shipbuilding yard in Britain. City analysts have estimated that it could raise up to £100m when it is sold.

Vickers was paid £14.5m in *compensation for the* yard's nationalization, but is still pursuing its claims for extra compensation.

Food allergies cause migraine

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Migraine is a food-allergy disease. That is the unequivocal conclusion of research reported in today's issue of the *Lancet*.

Furthermore, once the offending foodstuffs, which differ between individuals, were identified, a treatment was developed that gave protection against an allergic reaction. The main culprits were milk, wheat or eggs.

The investigation was made with a group of volunteers aged between 31 and 64, and it was *conducted by* Dr Jonathan Brostoff, Dr Claudio Carini and Dr Jean Monro, of Middlesex Hospital Medical School and the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases, London.

They can still offer only a tentative explanation of exactly how the foods cause an attack, and they emphasize that the allergic reaction is only one of many other causes of migraine.

This study of adults supports the discovery made last year implicating various foods as causing migraine in children at the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street, central London.

The adults, who had been referred to the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases, were put on a diet avoiding colouring, *food additives*, sugar, tea, coffee, alcohol and any other comestible known to provoke a migraine.

If no clinical improvement was observed, they were put on diets sequentially avoiding milk and milk products; all grains cereals including wheat, rye, *barley*, oats, maise, millet and rice; and meats, pips and nuts.

After a period of exclusion from the diet of five days for each one, the foodstuff was reintroduced. Those which were associated with migraine attacks were wheat, milk and, to *a lesser extent*, eggs.

Analysis of blood samples before and after an attack showed that, when the relevant foodstuff was eaten, the body produced one of the family of molecules that are generated to protect the individual against an infection or invasion by *some other foreign substance*.

Lawson admits jobs forecast may be wrong

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, conceded yesterday that there is unlikely to be a fall in unemployment before the end of the year. However, he denied that his speech at the IMF in Washington on Tuesday, when he spoke of unemployment signalled a policy shift.

Mr Lawson was speaking on the BBC's *World at One*. Asked about his election-time forecast of a fall in unemployment this year, he said: "The year's not out, but it may well be proved wrong."

Commentary

Geoffrey Smith

"I think the bishops are bound to speak out about public affairs ... because of the serious state of division in the country." The Archbishop of Canterbury was at one and the same time proclaiming a truth and begging the question when he made this comment on the BBC's *Today* programme yesterday morning.

Even those who are most outraged by the Bishop of Durham's sermon should accept the right of bishops to speak out on public affairs. If that right were to be denied, how could one logically applaud the outrage of Roman Catholic bishops in Poland who protest against communist repression?

Of course, the circumstances are entirely different. But that is the point. It is not wrong in principle for the bishops to speak on political issues. It depends on the circumstances.

This is the question that Dr Runcie could not be expected to answer in a brief radio interview. *But it is*, I believe, the central question that needs to be examined calmly in the aftermath of the furore provoked by Dr Jenkins: when and where is it appropriate for a bishop to enter the political debate?

A previous and much loved Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple, wrote in *Christianity and the Social Order*, published in 1942: "It is of crucial importance that the Church acting corporately should not commit itself to any particular policy. A policy always depends on technical decisions concerning the actual relations of cause and effect in the political and economic world".

Temple was himself a highly political churchman with left-of-centre opinions. He was not arguing that the clergy as individuals should abstain from political controversy.

Afraid of Church causing offence

But he was afraid of the Church as an institution making an ass of itself in fields where it could claim no valid authority, or causing hurt and offence to those of its members who might sincerely disagree with its secular calculations. The Gospel is not, after all, an infallible guide to exchange rate policy.

It might be argued that these propositions nonetheless offer a justification for Dr Jenkins, because he was speaking as an individual churchman. But Temple went on to write, referring specifically to industrial conflicts, that "it could harldy ever be right for the Church or ecclesiastical persons as such to propose terms for the solution of a dispute, because they lack the specialist knowledge required".

The phrase "ecclesiastical persons as such" is worth noting. I take it to mean someone deliberately using the authority of his ecclesiastical office to peddle his own prescription. That is what Dr Jenkins did. He was proposing terms for the solution of the dispute, and there can be few occasions when a bishop can use the authority of his office more deliberately than in his enthronement sermon.

However delicately he had referred to Mr MacGregor, Dr Jenkins would still have been erring in this broader respect. The bishop of Peterborough was surely right to suggest that such political statements could more appropriately be made in the house of Lords, though one would add television or radio interviews, newspaper articles and other occasions where a bishop would not seem to be deliberately invoking the authority of the Church.

Does this rule out, then, any comments on the miners' strike from the pulpit? Not at all. Dr Jenkins's brief reference to the violence of the pickets, "civil violence for group ends", was not out of place. Nor could one have objected in principle if the bishop had thought it necessary to criticize police violence.

One would have thought that he had got it wrong, but not that he was in the wrong to say such a thing on such an occasion. He would have been making a moral protest on an issue that did not require technical expertise.

But what if there is now a mood of hostility within the Church towards the moral values of the present Government? Would that not justify a more general moral protest, and from the pulpit too?

If the Church has indeed concluded that the policies of the democratically elected government of this country are morally unacceptable, then it has a duty to speak out. But it does need to think carefully. It could so easily find that it had weakened its voice of moral protest by indulging in political rhetoric.

Switch to roads by British Steel may cost BR millions

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

British Rail stands to lose coal-hauling contracts worth many millions of pounds after a British Steel Corporation decision to switch much business from rail to road.

British Steel, which is BR's second biggest customer after the Central Electricity Generating Board, has had to find alternatives to the railways during the miners' strike. The contract to move coal by rail from South Wales pits to The Llanwern steel works is almost certain not to be renewed and there are doubts over how coal will be delivered to the Ravenscraig works in Scotland when the miners' dispute is settled.

The loss of the main part of BSC's coal-moving business would pose a serious threat to the viability of BR's freight operations and again presents the Government with a problem over state-funding of the railways.

Rail unions have refused to move coal to the integrated steelworks almost from the start of the miners' strike and with seven months experience of operating lorry convoys, BSC believes that the cost is only marginally in favour of rail. But senior BSC executives are convinced that this is outweighed by the greater flexibility of road haulage.

One said that when rail contracts came up for renewal, BR could not be guaranteed the business: "Life will never be the same again", he said.

"The road haulage system has had a fair bit of hammering, but operators have stuck with us and we are not going to turn our back on them. They have made money out of this, but they have helped to keep us going."

BSC's other rail contracts, covering in particular the distribution of finished products, have been unaffected.

Despite the miners' attempts to close steelworks, BSC has managed to maintain output at a rate of just under 300,000 tonnes a week this year, about 8,000 tonnes a week up on the same period of 1983.

The corporation also believes that its losses of £3,500,000 to £4m a week are entirely due to the impact of the strike and the falling pound. Most of BSC's raw materials are priced in dollars.

● BSC's road haulage plan could encounter opposition from several unions (Barrie Clement writes).

Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, indicated at the start of the pit strike that any union taking supportive action would be guaranteed backing by his members in the event of what he called retribution by employers.

Rail unions would oppose the plan and call on the Transport and General Workers' Union, with its considerable lorry driver membership, to black any attempt to switch contracts.



Mr Arthur Scargill (left) and the NUM vice-president, Mr Mick McGahey, after a meeting of their union's executive in Sheffield yesterday.

Use of oil in second quarter up by 30.4%

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

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● Miners' pickets say that large amounts of oil are being moved into Didcot power station in Oxfordshire, giving rise to rumours that it may be used instead of coal.

Cheshire to sue for police bill

Derbyshire County Council is to be sued for the £1.6m cost of sending Cheshire police to miners' pickets lines. Cheshire's finance committee decided yesterday to take Derbyshire to the High Court to recover the money.

Derbyshire Council, which is *Labour-controlled, has refused* to repay other authorities for the use of their police until the Government promises to reimburse the costs.

● A striking Warwickshire miner, Mr Leslie Styles, aged 37, who accused a coal board driver of being a scab and punched him in the eye was jailed for 14 days for common assault at Warwick Crown Court yesterday.

● The area council of the *Nottinghamshire* NUM decided yesterday to cancel its affiliation to Nottingham Trades Council which supported the pit strike and expelled delegates who are working miners.

● The National Coal Board yesterday claimed a "new milestone" in Scotland with 300 miners reporting for work. The biggest turnout was at Bilston Glen Colliery.

NUM 'afraid of democracy'

Fear of the democratic process prompted the miners' union to defend an action by two Yorkshire *pitmen* who want a strike ballot, Mr Michael Burton, QC, for the two miners, said in the High Court yesterday.

Mr Justice Nicholls gave the National Union of Mineworkers and the Yorkshire area of the union leave to defend the main action challenging the legality of the strike in the *Yorkshire coalfield.*

He will give judgment today on the pre-trial move by Mr Bob Taylor and Mr Ken Foulstone, both face workers, for "right to work" injunctions, pending hearing of the main action for a court order requiring a national ballot.

Mr Burton, opposing the move to put in a late defence, said that the union's real desire was delay. *Neither the NUM* nationally nor its Yorkshire area had been represented at this week's interim hearing, during which their leaders were accused by Mr Burton of "totally rejecting democracy".

Yesterday Mr John Hendy appeared for the union and said that the Yorkshire NUM had always made clear its intention to defend the main proceedings.

"The reason the *defences* were not put in earlier was simply that they were overlooked", Mr Hendy said.

The judge said tht although the union's explanation was unpersuasive, it would not be right to preclude it.

Mr Justice Nicholls's judgment today will come after a *ruling in the action* by three non-striking Derbyshire pitmen who want the strike in their area formally declared unlawful.

The Derbyshire men have already won permanent "right to work" injunction, to which their area union *submitted.*

Thatcher talk to police attacked

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

A Labour MP accused the Prime Minister yesterday of taking politics into the police station after what she told *officers* involved in coal strike picket line duty.

Millions of television viewers on Wednesday night saw Mrs Thatcher speak to policemen at the North Yorkshire police division headquarters after *they had returned from Kellingley Colliery*. She sought to justify in political terms the use of the police in the dispute.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, MP for Workington, told Mr Leon Brittan, Home Secretary, in a *letter* yesterday: "Mrs Thatcher was abusing her responsibilities by making this statement."

Mr Campbell-Savours expressed his "sense of outrage" at Mrs Thatcher's behaviour. *Although she had the right to* support the use of police in pursuit of securing law and order where a chief constable felt action was needed, she did not have the right "to seek politically to justify to police officers *a decision taken by a* chief constable", he said.

The MP has asked the Home Secretary *to* seek the fullest explanation from the Prime Minister

● The Prime Minister has sent a personal hand-written message to branch secretaries of the NUM in the Nottinghamshire coalfield where most miners continue to work

Her letter congratulates the working pitmen and says: "May I say how greatly I and most other people appreciate what you are doing – you are an *example to us all*."

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Black vote may desert Labour without more party jobs

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Labour Party was warned yesterday that black voters might be urged to desert the party at the next general election unless they are given an automatic right of representation in the party's power structure.

The warning came as it became clear that the Labour Party leadership faces an embarrassing vote at the annual conference next Wednesday on demands for special black sections to be allowed in the party at constituencey and *national level, a proposal to* which Mr Neil Kinnock and other party leaders have made clear their opposition.

The national executive committee is expected to decide at its pre-conference meeting on Sunday to ask the conference to "*remit*" and not vote on motions calling for black sections.

But, it was learnt yesterday, the movers of the motions are unlikely to go along with such advice and plan to insist on a vote, fully *expecting* to be defeated.

The national executive wants the issue delayed to enable a consultative document, *Black* People and the Labour Party, drawn up by an NEC working party and published yesterday, to be discussed within the party.

The document sets out the case for and against black *sections but makes no final* recommendation on an issue which divided the working party, as its chairman, Ms Jo Richardson, admitted yesterday.

But at a press conference to publish it Mr Phil Sealy, a member of the steering committee organizing the call for black sections, and a councillor in Brent, north London, made clear that if the proposal was defeated next week the campaign would go on.

Although the party has assumed that it can still count on black people's votes, it has been suggested that some black people are questioning their support for Labour, spurning mainstream party politics and organizing into their own self-help and pressure groups, it says.

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Steeple capped: the final stone being laid on top of St Mary-le-Strand church by stonemason Mr Peter Sleath, after rebuilding work was completed.

New Social services role urged

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

A call for a new role for local authority social services departments involving greater cooperation with the voluntary and private sectors came yesterday from Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services.

Announcing plans for a consultative paper on the proposals, which effectively add a review of the role of the social services to existing reviews of social security, Mr Fowler said that social *service departments* need to adopt an "enabling" role.

He told the local authority social services annual conference at Buxton, Derbyshire, that whatever government was in power, "the resources provided by the taxpayer will be limited and less than the demands we face". Services, *therefore, had to be provided as* cost-effectively as possilbe. The question that had to be asked was: "Who does what best and how can they be helped do it?".

That meant getting the best from everyone from the 1.25 *million people who care for* dependent friends and relatives, from employers' welfare services, from voluntary organizations, from private provision, and the local authority services themselves.

Mr Fowler emphasized that "I do not regard the suggestion that the social services department should assume an enabling role as a way of substituting private and voluntary effort for state effort".

But his porposals were seen by many as a drive towards more privatization. They were critizised by the Association of Metropolitan Authorities and the Labour side of the Association of County Councils.

DHSS strike may be called off today

The five-month old strike by *computer* operators at the Department of Health and Social Security's main office at Newcastle upon Tyne may be called off today.

A call to end the action on the ground that it has been ineffective will be considered today by the national executive of the Civil and Public Services Association.

The CPSA is faced with a double dilemma. Apart from reservations over the effect of strike action at Newcastle, there is also a measure of doubt over a call for supportive action by other computer operators at Reading and Livingston, scheduled to take place from October 10.

Executive members will today have to decide whether it is just to subsidize members at Newcastle while denying support to those scheduled to be called out on strike

Parents 'offer money for apprenticeships'

By Michael Horsnell

Parents of unemployed school leavers are said to be offering building firms up to £1,000 to take them on as *apprentices to save them from* the dole queue.

The claim was made yesterday by the Federation of *Master Builders* after meetings between Mr Bill Hilton, its national director, and builders in different regions.

The federation is largely blaming the Construction Industry Training Board, which imposes a staff levy on employers to finance training schemes. It charges them from £18 a year for a labourer to £71 *for a carpenter.*

The federation says that the high cost means fewer firms are taking on apprentices.

It was unable to cite cases where money has been offered, and said that it believed none *had been accepted;*

Stockbroker remanded on fraud charges

Mr Jonathan Steel, a partner in the City stockbroking firm of Kemp, Mitchell and Co. has been remanded on unconditional bail until November 27 after charges of conspiracy to defraud were brought on Wednesday.

Mr Steel appeared before *Guildhall magistrates* yesterday morning. A 15-month Fraud Squad investigation started in June 1982 which resulted in a charge which alleges conspiracy to defraud the Tring Hall Securities issuing house.

Mr Denis Poll, Tring's former managing director and co-founder, was arrested and charged with the same offence *on* Tuesday. An additional charge against Mr Poll alleges that he stole 10,000 shares, worth £200,000, in International Communications Technology, Mr Poll was remanded on Wednesday on *conditional* bail

Ronan Point report cites new evidence of defects

By Charles Knevitt, Architectural Correspondent

New evidence of structura. faults in the Ronan Point tower block in Newham, east London, was presented to the borough *council yesterday* in a *report* prepared by its independent consultants.

The report is believed to prove that the weight of the building is supported by joints which are defective even though they were strengthened after the partial collapse of the block in a gas explosion in 1968 which killed five people.

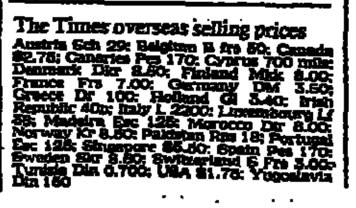
A meeting involving the chairman of the housing committee and the director of housing at Newham was held yesterday afternoon to discuss *implications of the report.* No one was available for comment last night. The findings are likely to be discussed at a full council meeting on October 9.

The report was prepared by Building Design Partnership and Mr Thomas Ackroyd, a consulting engineer who gave evidence at the public inquiry after the Ronan Point *disaster.*

Road deaths toll down 9 per cent

Road casualties at the start of 1984 are estimated to be 3 per cent *up on the corresponding* period last year, but deaths were down by 9 per cent, according to provisional figures from the Department of Transport.

They show that in the first quarter of 1984 there were 1,117 *deaths*, 15,217 serious injuries and 52,648 slight injuries.



The Times overseas selling prices
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Hailsham blames critics for hounding judge to death

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Lord Hailsham, of St. Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, last night reiterated accusations that politicians and the media were guilty of hounding judges and had brought about the death of one judge by their persecution.

The judge, he said, would be alive today "had he not been hounded, as I think, to his death as a result of criticisms of a single sentence imposed by him".

The Lord Chancellor is believed to be referring to Mr Justice Roderick Smith, who *died of a heart attack in April* 1981, aged 54, a few months after being criticized over his sentences in the Maw sisters murder case. Lord Hailsham first raised the issue in a lecture in May 1983.

He imposed prison sentences of three years on two sisters, Annette and Charlene Maw for killling their violent and drunken father with a kitchen knife. The Court of Appeal refused to lift the sentences but reduce that of the younger girl's.

One prominent QC said yesterday: "The judge was a very nice and extremely sensitive man and he was deeply *hurt by the press comment* at the time and took it very deeply".

In his speech, made at the Parole Board conference dinner at Windsor, Lord Hailsham said he could think of two judges "of *the very highest ability and* reputation who I believe to have been deprived, for a time, of promotion as the result of their previus judicial experience".

One of these is believed to be a reference to Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Roll, who was said after his period as president of the former National Industrial Relations *Court to have suffered a* temporary "exile".

In another apparent reference to Sir John, Lord Hailsham cited examples of how every time a judge made a controversial decision, an MP could be found "*either to attack him* by name or the judiciary in general. All too often he would tell the press he was demanding an explanation from the Lord Chancellor or the dismissal of the judge.

"A very prominent member of the judiciary was quite recently described as a 'trigger-happy judge' and twice during the present session Mr Speaker has been obliged to name members, afterwards suspended after a division, for insulting references to the judiciary."

Parliamentary safeguards were also habitually bypassed "by unscrupulous members through the abuse of Prime Minister's question time or the passing of letters

Lord Hailsham added that some of the more sensational sections of the media made *reports,* without mentioning names, whose sole object seemed to be to undermine confidence in judges as a whole

Shotgun curb sought by police committees

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Worried by the recent increase in attacks using shotguns, the Police Committee of the Association of County Councils yesterday called for action by the Home Office. Representatives of 33 police authorities were unanimous in demanding stricter controls over shotguns and ammunition.

Recent incidents involving shotguns included the fatal shooting of a policeman in Essex, the loss of an eye by a two-year-old girl near Chatham, Kent, and three armed raid in the Thames Valley area, in one of which a sub-post-master was killed.

Essex Police Authority made representations in September 11 directly to the Home Office for for strictr controls on firearms, particularly shotguns. And the association's police committee last year called for a formal review of firearms with the intention of tightening security requirements for shotguns, after the blinding of a policeman in Gwent.

The Committee was yesterday *voting a motion from* Lancashire Police Authority to press the Home Office for early legislation to bring shotguns and cartridges under the same strict controls as other firearms and ammunition, under Part I of the Firearms Act 1968.

There have been seven shotgun crimes in Lancashire so far this year and three last. But *last year there* were 41 crimes involving shotguns in West Yorkshire, 57 in Merseyside and 60 in Greater Manchester – all Metropolitan counties bordering Lancashire.

Acid rainfall in Scotland halved, conference told

From Ronald Faux
Edinburgh

A 25 per cent decline in sulphur dioxide emissions in the UK between 1978 and 1982 halved the incidence of acid rain in rural Scotland, an international conference was *told yesterday.*

Dr David Fowler, of the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, said the trend was encouraging but the problem of acid rain was on a much larger scale than the UK alone.

The conference on acid rain, organized by the Scottish Wildlife Trust, at Edinburgh University, is hearing evidence from scientists and others over the next two days in the hope of agreeing a course of action.

Dr Peter Brimblecombe, of the School of Environmental Sciences at the University of East Anglia, said acid rain was not new and gave a warning that measures to improve the quality of the atmosphere in *one* way could worsen it in other ways.

He pointed out that leaving the alkaline ash in burnt coal would almost neutralize the acid produced in combustion, although he did not propose a return to ash-laden smoke stacks.

Local tipping of spoil is condemned

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

The Government was accused yesterday of a breach of faith *in rejecting a suggestion* from its own working party that spoil from the new Belvoir coalfield should not be tipped *locally* but should be used to reclaim former clay workings in Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire.

The working party reported last year that remote disposal was both technically feasible *and environmentally* worthwhile. But Mr Neil Macfarlane, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of The Environment, said on Wednesday that the Government could find no way in which it could be achieved

The best that he could offer was an undertaking "to explore the possibility of an agreement between the department, the NCB and London Brick to enable a limited amount of spoil to be moved by rail."

Mr Fionn Holford-Walker, secretary of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, described the decision as "very disappointing."

Anti-pollution group wants chemicals facts

By John Young

Friends of the Earth have asked Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, to issue a full public statement giving details of chemical discharges in the Pontypool Basin, in South Wales.

The four companies named by Mr Jonathon Porritt, the group's director, are Re-Chem International, *Pilkington Glass,* Girling Brake Shoes and the Ontario Corporation.

Re-Chem has insisted that the closure of its plant in Bonnybridge, central Scotland, announced recently, is for *commercial* reasons, although there has been widespread concern about the possible leakage of toxic chemicals.

Hundreds may claim tax rebates on maintenance orders after court ruling

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Inland Revenue may face claims from hundreds of divorced women for tax rebates over maintenance orders after a High Court ruling this week.

A mother was successful in having a maintenance order varied so that the money went straight to her young son and not to her and thus become tax-free.

Mr Justice Lincoln also held that for tax purposes, the varied order could be backdated to 1969, entitling the mother to claim a rebate from the Inland Revenue.

The Inland Revenue is at present considering an appeal in the case, which one lawyer estimated could cost it millions of pounds.

Courts already have wide powers to vary maintenance orders but under new drvorce laws, which come into force on October 12, the needs of children will be a first consideration of the court.

Under the new laws, the court will still be required to consider all the circumstances of every case. But it must also now consider the welfare of any children, and whether it would be appropriate to put a time limit on the order

In this week's court case, the Inland Revenue had tried to argue that courts could not make retrospective orders.

Unmarried people can earn £2,005 before having to pay income tax, so unless the child has other income, money paid *over in the child's name* would remain tax-free.

Maintenance orders paed to mothers in respect of the children often fall liable to tax because the mother works and brings her income over the £2,005 limit.

Average weekly maintenance a child is £15. So a divorced mother of two receiving £30 a week maintenance would have paid about £2,300 in tax on the money over five years if she earned more than the single person's allowance.

Divorce Lawyers said that the ruling cleared up a grey area of maintenance Law.

One barriter said: "There must be thousands of women in a similar position. They will now be in a position to go to court and ask for retrospective *varitions in those orders.* It could mean the Inland Revenue paying back millions."

Theft and vandalism threatens churches

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

English parish churches are alive with tourists – more than 10 million went through their doors in 1982 – but the churches remain poor and in danger.

A fifth of the 16,800 Anglican churches benefited by more than £500 apiece from visitors' donations but as many as a third received no more than £50, and theft and vandalism remain major problems, according to an English Tourist Board report on *English Churches and Visitors* published yesterday.

There have been thefts in three quarters of all city centre churches, says the report. Two thirds of inner city and town churches have been bit by vandalism. On Merseyside 90 *per cent of parish churches* were reported to have been damaged.

The parish churches were described as the "Cinderallas of tourism" by Mr Michael Montague, Chairman of the English, Tourist board yesterday.

He said: "There is a marked contrast between the magnificence of their aesthetic and historic presense and their lack of funds for promoting themselves as attractive places to visit." Parish churches were England's most under-used and under-valued tourist asset.

Thirteen churches attracted more than 100,000 visitors a year, says the report. Another 200 churches were visited by 10,000 tourists a year. There was growth in church visiting in the period from 1977 to 1982 of 1 per cent. Among church visitors, 18 per cent were from overseas.

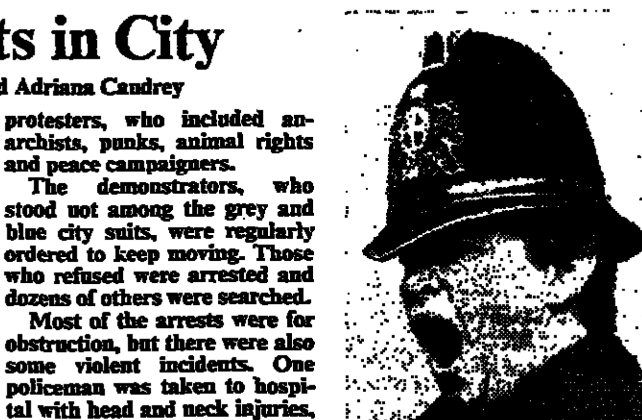
Two thirds of the churches in the survey were used for cultural events such as concerts

The most popular churches were in Derbyshire, where 41 per cent attracted more than 2,000 visitors a year. Not far behind were churches in East Sussex, Cheshire, North Yorkshire, Oxfordshire, Cumbria, the Isle of Wight and Cornwall.



470 arrests in City

By Mark Rosselli and Adriana Candrey



The police arrested 470 people in London yesterday in the third "stop the city" demonstration this year.

Eight hundred police officers were deployed in a huge operation which quashed all attempts to disrupt the heart of the City.

Four hundred officers from the Metropolitan Police had been sent to the City of London Police. All officers had orders to break up any large groups of protesters, who included anarchists, punks, animal rights and peace campaigners.

The demonstrators, who stood not among the grey and blue city suits, were regularly ordered to keep moving. Those who refused were arrested and dozens of others were searched.

Most of the arrests were for obstruction, but there were also some violent incidents. One policeman was taken to hospital with head and neck injuries.

Nations not united over dairy products

By John Young Agricultural Correspondent

If everyone drank as much milk as the Icelanders, ate as much butter as the Irish and as much cheese as the French, not only would it end the dairy surplus but would create an acute shortage.

That is clear from figure s published in the latest issue of *Milk Producer*, the journal of the Milk Marketing Board, which show remarkable differences in national consumption. For example, Icelanders drink well over a pint a day, more than twice as much as Americans and three times as much as Germans.

The French do not drink much milk but they eat an average of nearly 20 kilograms (44 lbs) of cheese each a year, and only the Irish eat more butter. Other enthusiastic cheese eaters are the Icelanders (again), Swedes, Germans and Dutch.

Butter consumption is lowest of all in the United States.

The British still drink rather more milk than the average, but only the Irish eat less cheese.

Mother cleared of plot to steal her son

A woman who "snatched" her son aged eight as he walked to school with his adoptive mother was cleared of two charges of conspiracy to steel a child yesterday.

Mrs Fiona Broad, aged 29, of Grosvenor Avenue, Highgate, north London, had told St Albans Crown Court that she thought the boy was being mistreated.

The boy was put into care soon after birth, going to foster parents when aged nine months. A custody battle in the High Court last May ended with the foster parents adopting him, the judge ruling that Mrs Broad could not see her son again.

Computer selling tactics attacked

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

Misleading advertisements, dishonest dealers and a bewildering choice of computers and software give the purchaser only a 50 per cent chance of selecting a microcomputer which will work without problems.

Those are the conclusions of a report on the computer industry prepared for the October issue of the magazine *Which Computer?*.

It says: "Misleading advertising over-emphasizes the ease and the friendliness of very complicated machines and reveals only a fraction of the real cost of computerization . . . Software or hardware is likely to arrive months – even years – late . . . There is a good chance that the machine sold to you will not do the job for which you have purchased it."

The report is a guide to the business computing market rather than to home computers, although there is a large overlap as the home users are attracted to more sophisticated machines.

It says that there is a confusing choice because there are 696 different varieties of hardware and more than 4,000 general business software programs sold in Britain. There are also 2,000 computer consultants; 1,900 of whom have financial ties with software and hardware companies.

This is scathing criticism of computer dealers in the report. It says: "There are 2,000 computer dealers, many of whom are unscrupulous, dishonest, technically ignorant or financially unstable."

The result, the survey claims, is an array of shops, many of which are only interested in selling the customer any microcomputer.

The 28-page report concludes that users need education to prevent them from spending thousands of pounds on software which they eventually abandon.

● Microcomputer software prices could be halved and put pressure on micro and computer games shops, when computer programs are delivered to home users across telephone lines. "Telesoftware" is poised to have a big impact on the cost of distribution, Rediffusion Computers claims.

The retail software pound is split in the following way: 30-40p for the retailer, 15-20p for the distributor, 35-45p for the publisher and 5-20p for the author.

Doctors' expenses go to DPP

West Yorkshire police are investigating alleged irregularities in claims made by doctors.

It is understood the allegations involve doctors claiming money for visiting patients *during or after pregnancy* when no such visits have taken place. The investigations follow a complaint from the Kirklees family practitioners' committee.

A report has been sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions but police refused to confirm reports that it named eight doctors and that 170 more would be interviewed.

£25m jets order

British Aerospace has won another US order, worth £25m, for its 146 Regional Jet, the airliner it hopes to sell to British Airways to replace its noisy BAC 1-11s. *The new order is* from Aspen Airways of Denver, Colorado.

Butterflies safe

Naturalists are confident that the moving by lorries of the Suffolk home of the endangered silver studded blue butterfly to another site has beensuccessful.

The original site at Warrenheath, near Ipswich, is being developed.

Hover fireman

The British Airport Authority has brought a £10,000 Pindair Skima hovercraft for Heathrow Airport, London, to enable the emergency fire service to cross areas of water west of the airport in the event of a crash.

Actor dies

Toke Townley, the veteran actor who played Sam Pierson, a character in television's *Emerdale Farm*, died yesterday in Leeds General Infirmary after a heart attack.

Non-stop

Singapore (Reuter) – Singapore Airlines will fly non-stop from London to Singapore from October 29 – but not in the opposite direction cutting the flight time by about two hours to 12½ hours.

National guide for home buyers and sellers

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The day when a potential house buyer can choose his new abode by pressing a button on his computer at home came closer yesterday with the launching of a computer-based information service by National Property Link.

Computers have been a tool of the estate agent's trade for some time now, but National Property Link claims that its system is the most comprehensive.

The company was set up earlier this year with the aim of providing estate agents with a low-cost system giving them access to properties throughout Britain.

The new system gives estate agents computerized lists of properties and applicants and the facility for matching the two.

Estate agents will be able to share details with other agents by feeding details into a national database.

Home computer users will be able to look for property if they buy the package, and if they find a property of interest can then contact the estate agent selling it.

Several levels of security are built into the system to ensure that information can only be viewed by those classes of subscribers laid down by the agent. Information can be restricted to other offices within a group of agencies or a consortium, or be opened to all subscribers and the general public.

Using the Commodore 64 microcomputer, the package is linked with the Compunet national network, which provides a range of services to subscribers including banking,

Tourists urged not to tackle muggers

By Barbara Day

British holidaymakers in Spain should not attempt to hold onto their belongings when attacked by muggers, Senor Francisco Gadea, the Spanish deputy director of tourism, said yesterday.

Speaking to an audience of British victims of holiday crime in Spain, he said: "Don't try to hold onto your property. It is better to lose your bag than your life."

Senor Gadea was taking part in a discussion on Thames Television's *Daytime* programme about the recent spate of attacks on British tourists in Spain.

He said his government had spent £2.5m on 12,000 additional policemen and 4,000 extra police vehicles

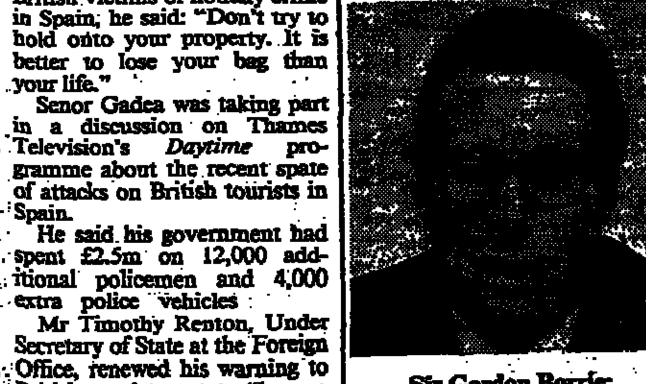
Mr Timothy Renton, Under Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, renewed his warning to British tourists not to "have a go."

New controls to stop deceptive advertising

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Legal sanctions are to be introduced by the Government to end the pulication of misleading advertising.

Control of most *material will* remain with the Advertising Standards Authority, the industry's voluntary watchdog. But a final legal sanction will soon rest with Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading. He will be able to control give-away *printed publications* and direct mail advertising.



Sir Gordon Borrie: Fiscal sanctions

The plan is for Sir Gordon to be given powers to seek a court order banning advertisements which "deceive, mislead or confuse with regard to any material fact."

At present advertisers can refuse to stop publishing misleading advertisements *leaving* the Advertising Standard Authority powerless unless a third party – such as a publishing house – bans an advertisement or demands changes in it.

Sir Gordon's new role would strengthen the hand of the authority.

A working party recommended in 1980 the introduction of legal powers. Sir Gordon has also said that standards could deteriorate.

GCHQ man blackmailed, court told

An army intelligence officer who worked at GCHQ, the Government communications centre at Cheltenham before he was court-martialled and dismissed the Service for fraud and forgery, became the victim of blackmail threats from four men claiming to work for an Irish terrorist group, a court was told yesterday.

Mr David Barker, QC, prosecuting, told Northampton Crown Court that former Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Seward, was asked to provide "a family tree" of the Cheltenham organization giving details of personnel and their jobs. He was also asked to provide details of army officers

Thomas Clark Anderson, aged 43, Patrick Joseph Carroill, aged 39, George Tennant O'Hara, aged 41, and William Alan O'Hara, aged 29, all deny conspiring to blackmail Mr Seward.

Mr Barker said that towards the end of 1982 the four men hatched a plot to make money through blackmail from Mr Seward, a former Royal Signals officer who had become one of the youngest colonels in the British Army. While serving in Cyprus in the late 1970s Mr Seward had been convicted of dishonesty and fraud, and served six month's imprisonment.

He met Anderson while both were at Ford Open Prison. In February, 1983 Anderson rang him and referred to "his friends across the water."

Later Anderson said he had details of Mr Seward's son's school and the location of the boy's dormitory. He als claimed he had details of the home addresses and telephone numbers of Mr Seward's sister

At a later meeting Carroll told Mr Seward that unless he provided certain information, his son would not come back for half-term, Mr Barker said. He wanted particulars of the names and jobs of people with whom Mr Seward had worked

The case was adjourned until today.

Tests confirm seven at hospital suffering from salmonella poisoning

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Seven people at Rainhill Hospital, St Helens, Merseyside, are suffering from salmonella poisoning it was confirmed yesterday. The seven, six patients and a male nurse, were said to be satisfactory.

Two other suspected cases, a female nurse and an elderly woman patient, were moved to an isolation ward at Fazakerley Hospital, Liverpool, and are awaiting the results of laboratory tests.

The source of the infection remains undiscovered at the 1,200-bed Rainhill Hospital. Kitchens, which have been criticized as unhygienic by health service unions, received their annual check by environmental health officials two weeks ago and a report is expected shortly.

But a call was made yesterday for the local health authority to raise kitchen standards. An official of the National Union of Public Employees (Nupe), Mr Geoffrey Finney, alleged that "sparrows fly about inside the roof and raw meat is stored with cooked meat".

He added: "It was only a matter of time before something like this happened."

The local health authority is conducting its own investigation. But before the outbreak a programme of refurbishing the ward kitchens had started. Ten have been upgraded in the past two years, and another six will be finished this year.

Rejecting allegations by National Health Service unions that cutbacks in staff or the introduction of private contractors were affecting standards, Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Minister for Health said that the number of reported salmonella cases in hospitals was half that reported 10 years ago.

He added that private contractors made no difference to hygiene standards. "We do not lower the standards. We specify the same standards. By cutting costs we are making more money available for nurses."

But he pledged to look at the recommendations of a public inquiry into last month's outbreak at a Wakefield hospital to see if there was any need for extra specialized nursing to monitor standards of hygiene.

The deaths of 19 patients at the Wakefield psycho-geriatric hospital were linked to salmonella poisoning.

In another hospital outbreak, at Dykebar psychiatric hospital in Paisley, Strathclyde, eight women and four men were said to have been affected, but the outbreak is under control.

Meanwhile, the British Veterinary Association has renewed efforts to publicise the risks of speading the main infectious agent, *Salmonella typhimurium*, from animals to humans.

Surrogate motherhood rejected, poll says

Surrogate motherhood and experiments on human embryos were rejected by the majority of people questioned in a mori poll published today.

The use of human embryos for experiments involving cross-fertilization of human and animal eggs and sperm was also opposed by the majority.

But test-tube fertilization for childless couples was approved by most of those interviewed for the inter-denominational Order of Christian Unity.

Surrogate motherhood was opposed by 57 per cent and 51 per cent said experimentation on human embryos should be banned.

Son jailed for blackmail

Raymond Bertie Jones, aged 34, of Devizes Mews, Netherley, was jailed for three-and-a-half years at Liverpool Crown Court yesterday for blackmailing his mother, aged 67, and threatening to kill her.

Judge Temple QC, said he had put Jones on probation in June for threatening to kill his mother, hoping he would leave her alone but within two hours he was back blackmailing her. The prosecution said Jones terrified his mother into giving him £10.

Job vacancy, with island

The National Trust is trying to recruit a nature reserve warden for Northey Island. The job is unpaid, the hours are long and the only other inhabitants are birds.

There is a rent-free cottage on the 300-acre island in the Blackwater Estuary, near Maldon, Essex.

Presenter's move

Lynn Aulds Wood, of TV-am, is to join BBC Television's rival morning programme Breakfast Time to present a twice weekly consumer affairs section. Her move comes aftetr her contract as consumer correspondent with TV-am was not renewed.

Bail for detective

Det. Sergeant Robert Miles, aged 26, of New Malden, south London, was remanded on unconditional *bail until* November 19 by Epsom magistrates yesterday, charged with the manslaughter of Peter Albury, a postal worker, at Epsom on Derby Day.

Nautical college threatened

From Ronald Faux
Edinburgh

Leith Nautical College, which claims to be the most modern and one of the most cost-effective training centres for the merchant navy in Britain, is opposing an attempt to transfer 37 of its courses to the Glasgow College of Nautical Studies.

The proposal has been made by the Scottish Education Department, which funds the Leith college, and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities.

The Leith college, a ship-shaped building on the edge of Edinburgh, was opened in 1978 at a cost of more than £6m.

Dr Alan Watson, principal of the Leith college, points out that it has no shortage of students, even though planning has been blighted for two years because of uncertainty among staff about the future of their careers and students concerned about beginning a three-year course at a college which might not last that long.

He said: "We do reject most strongly that this college should be cut back simply because Glasgow is less cost-effective and was over-expanded to a point that there now appears to be, according to this report, a redundancy problem."

Ford to guarantee its car repairs 'for life'

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Ford is about to announce a lifetime guarantee on repairs to its cars. A pilot scheme tried in a number of quiet, out of the way dealerships has been so successful that it is being extended nationwide next month.

Most of Ford's 1,200 dealers have agreed to take part. Those who refused object to the additional cost involved at a time when many are losing money.

Ford will supply the parts free, but dealers will have to meet installation costs.

In conditions of some secrecy Ford's competitors have monitored the nine month experiment involving 47 dealers in north east Scotland and parts of Wales.

Last night Austin Rover and General Motors sources said that they were not convinced of its effectiveness in attracting more repair work.

The key to Ford's apparent generosity lies in the small print. Only repair work done with genuine Ford spare parts will qualify and the lifetime guarantee is restricted to the owner at the time of the repair.

As most cars change hands every five years, the numbers claiming free repairs after that period will be small.

The "Ford parts only" restriction is seen by the motor trade as an attempt to halt the erosion of Ford's profitable £300m a year parts business by independent suppliers.

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Labour councils angered

Dr John Cunningham, the Labour Party's chief parliamentary spokesman on local government, is strongly criticized in the latest issue of *Labour Herald* (Hugh Clayton writes).

Labour Herald is edited by Mr Ken Livingstone, leader of the Greater London Council, Mr Ted Knight, leader of Lambeth Borough Council in south London, and Mr Matthew Warburton, deputy leader in Lambeth.

It criticizes Dr Cunningham for failing to commit a future Labour government to resurrecting the six English metropolitan county councils.

The Government wants to abolish them and the GLC, all of which are Labour-led, in 18 months.



Angry young man: A defiant demonstrator being taken away by police

Ambassador hurt in brawl

The Hague (AP) – Iran's Ambassador to The Netherlands suffered a head wound in a brawl between embassy staff and a group of about 20 people who briefly occupied the embassy here yesterday.

The ambassador, Mr Hossein Tajgardoun, was taken to hospital by ambulance with blood coming from the wound.

About 25 police went to the embassy to find the 20 demonstrators, believed to be Kurdish dissidents, fighting with embassy staff inside the building.

Police officers kicked in a front window and others burst through a fire escape at the rear to get into the building and break up the fighting.

A Dutch policeman fired a shot into the ceiling to break up the brawl.

"They were using chairs, stapling machines and everything they could find," said a police spokesman, who added that the *participants* were swapping punches as well as rolling on the floor during the brawl.

The demonstrators were arrested. Charges against them are still pending.

About 15 embassy staff were involved in the fighting, but apart from the ambassador only one other member was slightly injured.

The Franco-Libyan pullout

Habré ready for new offensive

From Godfrey Morrison, Rabat

The withdrawal of French and Libyan troops from Chad, which started on Tuesday, though warmly welcomed by most African states, does not mean an end to the political strife and confusion which have racked that country for the past 20 years.

Even if the Franco-Libyan deal sticks – and several governments, including the United States and Chad itself, have expressed doubts about the good faith of the Libyans – the troop withdrawal can at best only mark the beginning of the end of the Chad problem.

The French are leaving because ever since they moved their 3,000-plus military force there 13 months ago they said that they would quit as soon as their presence was no longer necessary to protect the Government of President Hissène Habré against Libyan-backed rebels in the north of the country.

But what has puzzled many diplomats is why Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, suddenly agreed earlier this month after long and difficult secret negotiations with Paris to pull his forces out of Chad.

Reading – even between the lines – of the Libyan leader's public statements offers few clues. Only a few days before the Franco-Libyan deal he was threatening the French with a defeat in Chad "worse than Dien Bien Phu".

But Libya's circumstances, the changing situation in Chad itself, and Colonel Gaddafi's recent actions suggest a number of reasons why he should wish to "disembarrass himself of involvement in Chad".

First, Libya no longer has unlimited money to throw around because of reduced oil revenues combined with a massive development commitment. Western suppliers report long payment delays.

Second, involvement in Chad has never been popular with an army on whose power Colonel Gaddafi ultimately depends.

Third, while the French forces have been in place *President Habré has greatly* strengthened the military capability of his forces. At the same time the rebel grouping, led by the former President Goukouni Oueddei, has been riven with dissension and a number of groups have recently disowned his leadership. Colonel Gaddafi may have concluded that he had backed a horse that was showing increasing unwillingness to run.

This almost certainly means that when the French and the Libyans have gone, President Habré will try to reoccupy the north of the country.

Fourth, though Colonel Gaddafi continues to fulminate against the "American imperialists" *he has shown clear signs in* recent months that he has tired of his "splendid revolutionary isolation" and that he wants better relations with Western Europe, as well as with moderate Arab and African regimes.

Most startling evidence of this was his unexpected "union" treaty with pro-Western King Hassan of Morocco, who has revealed in an interview with *The New York Times* that he had played the role of an intermediary between Colonel Gaddafi and President Mitterrand.

Tripoli and Rabat drop visa system

Fez (AFP) – Moroccans and Libyans will no longer require visas to visit each other's country. An agreement signed on Wednesday will come into effect in two weeks. It follows the establishment last month of the "union" between the two countries. On September 10, Rabat abolished the need for Algerians to obtain visas before visiting Morocco.

Libya has also decided to close 23 of its people's bureaux (embassies), particularly in the Gulf and Africa, including Mauritania.

Peking takes credit for deal

From David Bonavia
Peking

The Chinese leadership has succeeded in turning the Hongkong agreement into a massive advertisement for its own patriotism and statesmanship.

Newspapers here gave up half of their column space yesterday to the text of the deal and explanations, with a large map of Hongkong. The *People's Daily* said the event was an important triumph appropriate to the celebration of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic next Monday.

The papers were snatched up by the public and sold out unusually early, despite the indifference which the man in the street has previously shown over the issue.

The *People's Daily* said the agreement – initialled here on Wednesday – had wiped out *"China's historic shame"* of having part of her territory occupied by a foreign power. The tone of the commentaries was extremely friendly to Britain, emphasizing that it could only improve the already good relations between the countries.

The success of the two-year negotiations will strengthen the *authority of Mr Deng Xiaoping*, the elder statesman, and the political group round him, whose policies are in other areas subject to strong, behind-the-scenes criticism.

It has been an ambition of all the aging revolutionary leaders to reunite China's "sacred territory" in their lifetime.

Commentaries also link the *Hongkong solution to the* problem of Taiwan, whose nationalist regime has stood out against any reunion of China under the authority of the Communist Party.

Although no-one expects the Taiwan leaders to respond in the near future to Peking's seemingly generous offer of partnership in a united China, it may be that the ostensibly reasonable and generous settlement granted to Hongkong could sway thinking.

As in the case of Hongkong, Peking has offered to let Taiwan keep its own economic and social system in a union with the mainland and has even said the island province could retain its armed forces.

Britain and China have agreed that after the return of Hongkong to Chinese sovereignty in 1997, the territory's capitalist economic system and British-style laws will be maintained for 50 years. Hongkong people will enjoy special status in terms of citizenship, travel and the right to choose their *own leaders as a "special* administrativeregion" ofChina.

Observers are convinced this is the best settlement Hongkong could have obtained.

Meanwhile, excitement is mounting here over the October parade, which promises to be the most elaborate ever.

● HONGKONG: A limited *number of people here involved* in sensitive jobs will be allowed to resettle in Britain when China recovers the territory, Sir Edward Youde, the Governor, said yesterday (AFP reports).

He said the issue was not covered in the Sino-British agreement because "it would not make sense to plan for mass emigration or mass departures".

A Hongkong government official said earlier this week that about 250,000 people could be eligible for resettlement if they were not satisfied with the accord.

Labour Party and the miners

Struggle 'to defend all our futures'

The confidential draft statement drawn up by the Labour Party National Executive Committee for next week's party conference reads as follows:

1 The Labour Party declares its full support for miners in their struggle to defend the coal mining industry. The miners are trying to safeguard all our futures: to ensure the continued availability of Britain's most precious and adaptable national resource: to protect reserves which provide not only the viable basis for economic expansion and jobs in the future – and the only possible foundation for a sound, environmentally safe strategy for energy.

2 We support the NUM in their determination to sustain collieries and jobs and save our coal mining communities. The Tory plan to run down the industry must be resisted. For if we are to safeguard Britain's future, coal production must be expanded – not contracted – towards the targets set out in Labour's *Plan for Coal*.

3 Since May 1979, the coal mining industry has seen the closure of nearly 50 pits, and the loss of more than 50,000 jobs. The proposals for lower production targets – initiated by Ian MacGregor at the behest of the Tory Government – would mean closing another 70 pits, and the loss of another 70,000 jobs, and 20 of these pits and 20,000 of the jobs would go in the space of just 12 months.

Role as feed stock for oil

4 The NCB proposals cannot be justified on social, economic, or environmental grounds:

● They will mean social devastation for whole communities. With the coalfields lying in areas of high unemployment, there is little or no chance of alternative work for miners made redundant. It will mean soaring unemployment in the coal fields, families without livelihoods, social and community decay – with all the associated costs to the communities concerned. And, in areas already deeply scarred by deprivation, there will be a bitter intensification of poverty.

● They will cost the nation thousands of millions of pounds in terms of redundancy payments and social security benefits for redundant miners: in lost tax revenues and in extra rent and rate rebates – sums that will completely dwarf any accountancy "savings" made by the coal board in closing pits. The NUM have shown against the £2,400m which might be "saved" by the closures over a 10-year period, the cost to public funds could be as much as £4,200m.

● They could mean a decisive shift towards an over-dependance on nuclear power. And this would happen despite all the problems, known and yet to emerge – of pollution and contamination, of threats to health and safety and of waste disposal.

5 Britain has reserves of coal enough for hundreds of years, even under conditions of rapid economic expansion, reserves which will easily outlive our oil and gas.

Moreover, coal can be used – and should be used – not only to meet our needs for fuel in industry, at home and in the community, but also as a feed stock to provide chemicals and oil. It is a fuel of the present. It is also the fuel for the future.

6 Britain has to begin planning now for the time when our oil and gas reserves begin to run out – as they most certainly will in the not very distant future. Without the availability of our own coal and oil – a future where it would be difficult, perhaps imposible, to get Britain fully back to work. But it would also mean a new, dangerous and foolhardy dependence on nuclear power. It is a future that will not work.

7 That there has been a fall in demand for coal in Britain cannot, of course, be denied. But the reason for that fall in demand cannot be denied either – namely the devastating economic failures of the Tory Government: a massive slump in output, an at least four million men and women out of work – and hence a huge 20 per cent fall in domestic energy consumption. This is why Labour's central priority must be to rebuild the economy and put Britain back to work. Yet, if Britain is ever to regain her industrial strength, if we are ever to find work for our people, the nation *must* be able to rely on a thriving, expanding coal industry.

8 The Government's first priority now must be to ensure that the industry is able to maintain ist capacity despite the ravages of the recession: and this means providing an adequate level of operating subsidies. We make no apologies for calling, in the national interest, for a high level of support for the coal industry. For with every pit which is closed – and, which still has some productive life – there is a permanent loss of Britain's coal reserves. And, in addition, there is also the need to provide support to men who will be prevented by the closures from earning their living – far more than would be needed if we kept the pits open.

● It makes sense to provide resources to maintain Britain's reserves of coal, just as it makes sense to prolong our reserves of gas, as the Government is doing by encouraging British Gas to buy imported gas *from Norway in the* early 1990s – despite the fact that it will cost much more than our gas from the North Sea.

● It makes sense to defend the competitiveness of British coal against the heavily-subsidized output from our competitors in the EEC. British coal is still the cheapest deep-mined coal in Europe, and our production subsidies are still well *below those of our competitors. It* makes sense for Britain to compete for a larger market in Europe.

● It makes sense to pay to provide for a safe and secure supply of energy in the future, of a raw material for our chemical industries and of a substitute and source for oil. Just as it has made sense for successive governments to subsidize other sectors of British industry, in *the national interest*: subsidies to support investment, and to ensure that there *is* a British industry at all – in aero space for example, in computers and in motors. Other subsidies have been to support export promotion, regional development, and research and development; *to protect British agriculture*, now running at £2,000m a year.

● It makes sense to pay to keep the pits open – and miners at work earning wages and paying taxes – rather than paying out social security benefits and losing revenues. And it makes sense too – when millions of our people have to live with fuel poverty – for Britain not only to safeguard its energy resources, but also to ensure that fuel is available to our people at prices they can afford.

● Labour, therefore, supports the National Union of Mineworkers in their call for a comprehensive, integrated energy policy, based on an expanding and healthy coal industry. And we believe that this policy should be based on a new *Plan for Coal*, to be agreed between the NUM, the Government and the NCB, *along the lines agreed by the* Labour Government.

But we also believe that research into technologies wich make full use of the potential for coal – such as the liquefaction and gasification of coal, and fluidized bed combustion – should be stepped up urgently; and that the potential of combined heat and power schemes should be fully exploited. Moreover, the new *Plan for Coal* should provide for coal to *take an increased share of the energy* market – a market which, under Labour's strategy would be growing alongside an expanding economy. This is the way forward for the coal industry.

Just as the Tory attack on the coal industry represents a clear threat to the national interest, so too, does the methods chosen by the Tories to deal with the coal dispute. The Tories have deliberately chosen the path of confrontation: deliberately chosen a path leading to grave infringements in the civil rights of private citizens, including miners and their families. The Tories threaten the civil liberties of us all.

Onus on Tories for violence

11 There can be no doubt that the attitudes of this Government, and its desire for confrontation, have helped to inflame and embitter relationships in the coal fields. As a result there have been developments in the dispute which are deeply disturbing – a degree of violence quite unusual in British industrial disputes. The Labour Party, therefore, wishes to place *firmly* on record its condemnation of *all* forms of violence in industrial disputes – whether it comes from a handful of pickets or from the police.

12 In our view the major responsibility for the violence lies with the Government. For they are using the police more as a means of implementing their policy on pit closures than in order to uphold the law:

Freedom of movement has been interfered with by the creation of road blocks. This has involved a huge extension of Common Law powers – to prevent an unspecified breach of the peace at some unknown time, at some unknown place. And it has affected not only pickets: other people have been prevented from going to court, calling at their union headquarters, visiting their relations or even returning to their homes.

The police have actively attempted to help the NCB by preventing picketing. They have arrested pickets on picket lines on comparatively minor offences, using ancient laws ("Watching and besetting") or because of cries of "scab" (insulting language): used bail conditions to help keep pickets away, some even from addressing meetings; and shown more interest to have pickets bound over to keep the peace than pursuing charges to conviction. Three-quarters of all the charges have involved obstruction: only a tenth have been connected with violence and assault.

People collecting money and food for the miners have been harassed and arrested. Collections have been confiscated. Food deliveries have been hindered.

Police anti-riot tactics have intensified the violence. Police in riot gear, charging police horses, dogs set loose, truncheons drawn – all have been seen on the picket lines. And the decision to keep the gates of the mines open "at all costs", taken as much by the Government as by police officers, has been a major factor in this.

Such developments do not auger well for future relations between police and public. Yet, when the dispute does end, police and public will *have* to live together in the mining communities and elsewhere.

It is all the more important, therefore, that the police draw back and reconsider their methods of *operating, that they refuse to allow* themselves to be used by the Tories to help implement the pit closures.

14 The dispute in the coal industry has made more clear than ever before the nature of the threats posed by this Government to the well being of the British people. Not content with throwing millions of people out of work, with bringing about the worst slump seen in Britain since the Thirties, with destroying huge sections of our maanufacturing industry, the Tories, by seeking to cripple our coal industry, are now planning to destroy even the possibility of providing jobs for our people in the future. What is more, in the process *of doing so they are clearly prepared* to challenge – and even destroy – many of the fundamental rights and liberties of the British people.

15 The Labour Paraty will resist, with all its strength, these Tory threats. We will continue to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the minerss in their struggle to save the mining industry on behalf of the miners themselves and of their families, on behalf of all those in industry at home andin the country who depend on coal, on behalf of the British people, their jobs and their future prosperity."

Zia insists on military trial for 56

From Hasan Akhtar
Islamabad

General Zia-Haq of Pakistan has rejected a demand by seven Lahore lawyers for an open civil trial of 56 people accused of plotting against the Government with Libyan and Indian assistance.

They will be tried on charges of treason and subversion by a special military court inside Kot Lakhpat jail near Lahore. Some 40 others, including two sons of the late Prime Minister Zulfiqar Ali Bhotto, will also be tried in their absence.

The seven lawyers have turned down a reported offer by the military court to allow them to act as defence counsel.

They refused to take part in a trial where traditional rules of evidence and procedure were superseded by arbitrary rules requiring the accused to prove their innocence. They also objected to the trial being held in camera with the defendants bound in fetters.

But General Zia told a Lahore news conference that military trials were as fair as any other, and he had never subjected anyone to injustice or oppression for opposing him or his Government.

Eighteen other people face similar charges in a court in Rawalpindi jail

General Zia, who has twice postponed elections since taking power in 1977, also referred to the general election promised by March next year. He said there would be no change in the size of the new House of Constituencies from eight years ago.

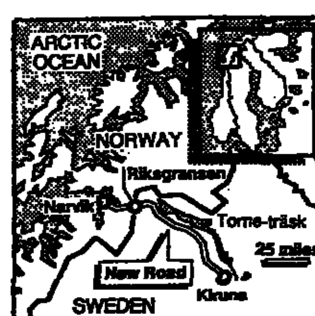
Strategic road built to be blown up

Riksgransen, Sweden (Reuter) – King Carl Gustaf of Sweden and King Olav of Norway officially opened a road through northern Scandinavia yesterday that is so strategically vital that detailed plans have already been made to blow it up.

The two kings declared the new road open at a ceremony in the tiny mountain resort of Riksgransen.

The 110-mile road linking the Swedish mining town of Kiruna with the port of Narvik in Norway was built against the advice of the military in both countries, who fear it could facilitate an invader's advance to Narvik.

"This road would be a great asset for an invader, so we were certainly not happy about its construction", a Swedish defence staff spokesman said.



Lieutenant-Colonel Björn Lundquist, an army press officer in Kiruna, said that security installations along the highway included fortifications and spaces built into bridges on certain key stretches that could take explosives. Supplies of explosives will be stored near by.

Neutral Sweden did not specify which potential invader it had in mind, but defence officials from Nato-member Norway were more explicit.

"This road is simply another means of advance if the Soviet Union decides to move on us", a Norwegian official said. "It is rather annoying."

Nato officials say the Soviet Union would probably strike at ports and airfields in northern Norway in the event of an East-West conflict.

Norwegian Defence Ministry sources said they were angry that the road had been built and said Norway had taken the same security measures as Sweden.

Sweden says the road will make northern Sweden more accessible and attract more tourists to holiday resorts in the area.

20 injured as Manila protest erupts into riot

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Street rioting erupted yesterday close to the presidential palace and in a nearby street when anti-government demonstrators tried to march to President Marcos's residence.

Riot police armed with shields and batons fired guns into the air and used water *hoses, smoke bombs* and tear gas to disperse the 2,000 demonstrators.

More than 20 people, including six police, were injured and hospitals reported two gunshot victims in critical condition after the three-hour mêlée.

More than a mile away several hundred demonstrators tried to march to the palace which was surrounded by hundreds of police and soldiers. Riot troopers chased them away with a baton and tear gas charge.

Hundreds of pedestrians were caught in the stampede. Three people were injured.

The main demonstration was *led by Mr Agopito* Aquino, younger brother of the slain opposition leader, Mr Benigno Aquino, and former senator Lorenzo Tanada, aged 86.

The demonstrators had planned to hold an "indignation rally" at a bridge near the presidential palace to protest against the violent dispersal last Saturday of a similar rally

Foreign support sought at Thai scholar's trial

From Neil Kelly
Bangkok

One of Thailand's most distinghished scholars is hoping for foreign support when he goes on trial soon on charges of insulting the Thai monarchy.

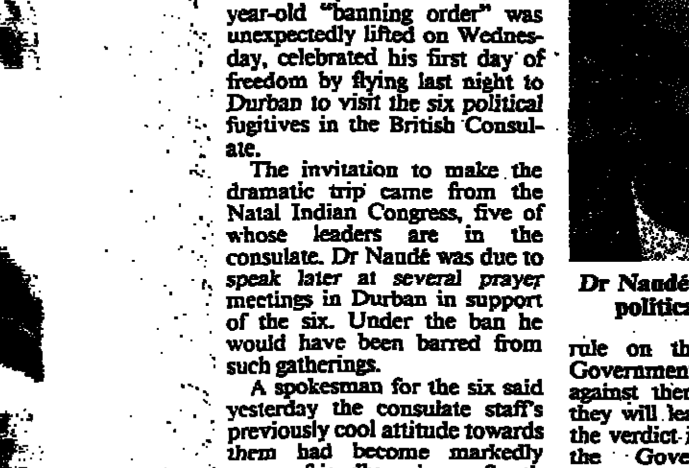
Supporters of Mr Sulak Sivaraksa said last night that the presence of representatives of foreign governments, newspapers and other organizations when his trial by military tribunal begins on November 6 could have a significent influence.

They referred in particular to whether the trial will be held in open or closed court, a decision *the judges will make on the day.*

New controversy after ban is lifted

Rebel priest visits Durban six

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg



Dr Beyers Naudé, the rebel Afrikaner priest whose seven-year-old "banning order" was unexpectedly lifted on Wednesday, celebrated his first day of freedom by flying last night to Durban to visit the six political fugitives in the British Consulate.

The invitation to make the dramatic trip came from the Natal Indian Congress, five of whose leaders are in the consulate. Dr Naudé was due to speak later at several prayer meetings in Durban in support of the six. Under the ban he would have been barred from such gatherings.

A spokesman for the six said yesterday the consulate staff's previously cool attitude towards them had become markedly more friendly since South Africa's refusal to return four of its citizens for trial in Britain on arms smuggling charges.

A bathtub has now been installed in the consulate, and far fewer restrictions are being placed on visits by wives and children of the six.

There is still no indication when the Supreme Court will rule on the validity of the Government's detention order against them. They have said they will leave the consulate if the verdict is favourable. But if the Government appealed against such a verdict the six might decide to stay put, especially since their sit-in has exceeded their wildest dreams as a propaganda exercise.



Dr Naudé: Ban reinforced political convictions

Dr Naudé's new freedom means newspapers here can once again quote the man who in the 1970s became one of the sharpest thorns in the flesh of the Vorster Government, and was eventually silenced by it.

Dr Naudé's unbanning may have been timed to counter the very adverse publicity generated by recent events in South Africa, including the riots in black townships and the drama over the Durban Six.

Speaking to journalists within hours of the ending of the ban, Dr Naudé said his political convictions had been reinforced during his period of involuntary silence.

"We have to understand (white) fears, but at the same time we have to urge white South Africans to see what is motivating black aspirations for justice and liberation in South Africa. As long as blacks are excluded from the meaningful political processes, it will be impossible to solve the problems of this country", he said.

Turning to the white Dutch Reformed Church, in which he was once the Moderator of the Southern Transvaal synod, Dr Naudé said he was "deeply concerned that (it) continues to support the policy of apartheid and tries to justify it on biblical grounds".

In 1980 Dr Naudé joined the black "daughter" church of the DRC, a move which very few other Afrikaner priests have made.

It is understood that there are now only about 10 people left under "banning" orders, the best known among them being Mrs Winnie Mandela, the wife of the imprisoned leader of the underground African National Congress. She is banished to a small town in the Orange Free State.

● THREE JAILED: Three whites alleged to be members or supporters of a black guerrilla group fighting white minority rule in South Africa were jailed yesterday for breaches of security laws after a trial behind closed doors (Reuter reports).

Mr Roland Hunter, aged 25, a former clerk in South African military intelligence, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment by Pretoria Supreme Court for disclosing sensitive military information.

Mr Derek Hanekom was jailed for two years for possessing publications produced by a banned organization and his wife Patricia for 38 months for other publications offences.

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Getting together: King Husain of Jordan greeting Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, in Amman. They spent several hours discussing Arab and Palestinian problems, especially coordination between Jordan and the PLO.

Politician killed in Bangladesh clashes

Dhaka (Reuter) – At least two people were killed and hundreds were injured when riots broke out during a general strike called by Bangladesh political groups opposed to the military government.

As the dawn-to-dusk strike shut shops and businesses, opponents and supporters of President Ershad clashed in several cities and police said 400 people were arrested in Dhaka.

Hundreds of people, including many police, were injured in the capital as demonstrators fought with knives, wooden staves, hockey sticks and stones. Mr Muhammad Moizuddin, former MP and local Awami League leader, was shot and stabbed to death at Kaliganj, 20 miles from Dhaka.

Israeli pledge on reactors

Vienna (Reuter) – Israel, under Arab pressure at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for bombing an Iraqi nuclear reactor in 1981, said yesterday that it would not attack nuclear facilities if they were used for peaceful purposes.

Arab speeches at the IAEA annual conference repeatedly attacked Israel over the raid. The Arabs are drafting a resolution which would reduce Israel's membership rights.

Uruguayans on freedom march

Montevideo (Reuter) – About 30,000 people marched through the city to demand an amnesty for political prisoners and information on the fate of 142 people missing since the military seized power in 1973.

Wednesday night's demonstration, the biggest of its kind in Uruguay, was backed by trade unions and political parties. Troops stood guard as the marchers, some carrying lighted candles, filed in silence past the military hospital, where nine political prisoners are undergoing treatment.

Search resumes

Ostend (Reuter) – Salvage of the nuclear cargo on the sunken French freighter Mont Louis resumed after a 10-day break due to bad weather. It was hoped to widen a bow hole for easier access to the 13 uranium hexafluoride containers.

22 to die

Istanbul (Reuter) – A martial law court sentenced 22 Turkish left wingers to death and 45 to life imprisonment on charges of trying to overthrow the state.

Iraqi pipeline

Manama, Bahrein (AFP) – Iraq signed a contract with a French-Italian consortium for construction of the first section of a pipeline from Iraq to Saudi Arabia.

Polish rampage

Warsaw (Reuter) – Drunken Polish soccer fans tore through a first division club's ground destroying part of the stadium, the Army daily *Zolnierz Wolnosci* reported.

Journalist shot

Bogotá, (Reuter) – A Colombian journalist, Cristián Martinez Sarria, aged 50, who worked as police press counsellor was shot dead by three gunmen in *Bogotá city centre. He survived* an attempt on his life 12 years ago when working for the newspaper *El Tiempo*.

MX hitch

Los Angeles (AP) – The scheduled test launch of an unarmed MX missile was delayed when a problem in a ground system automatically shut down its on-board guidance system, said a spokesman at Vandenberg Air Force base.

Health jolt

Washington (AFP) – Cigarette packages in the United States will shortly carry a much tougher health warning, beginning "Smoking causes lung cancer, heart disease, emphysema and may complicate pregnancy." It adds: "quitting smoking now greatly reduces serious risks to your health."

Ban rejected

Celigny, Switzerland (AP) – The mayor of this Lake Geneva village, where Richard Burton died last month, has refused to bar tourists from visiting his grave. Traffic problems prompted demands from some villagers for the cemetery's closure.

Asylum sought

Geneva (Reuter) – Yuri Povarnitsin, a Soviet soldier interned in Switzerland for two years after being captured by Afghan guerrillas, has asked for political asylum, Mr Felix Goetz, director of the Geneva Residents' Control Office, said.

Nagging news

Tokyo (Reuter) Horsemeat consumption worldwide declined from a 1979 peak of 628,300 tons to 557,400 tons in 1982, exporters were told at an international horsemeat forum here. Even the French are eating less of it.

Extradited Basques left to recover from hunger strike

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

The three suspected Basque guerrillas extradited by France yesterday shared a room in Madrid's prison hospital as they waited to make their first statements to an investigating magistrate.

The three, said to be members of the military wing of ETA, the Basque armed separatist organization, face charges involving the killing between 1978 and 1980 of nine Spanish police or civil guards in the Basque region. There is no death penalty in Spain.

Prison authorities said the three were still recovering from the effects of a six-week hunger strike in France against their extradition. Doctors would decide when they were fit to testify.

Commenting on the first extradition of ETA suspects since democracy was established in 1977, Señor Alfonso Guerra, the Socialist Deputy Prime Minister, said they opened a new phase in Spain's fight against terrorism.

Madrid believes both that the Basque separatists have lost their French sanctuary from which to organize killings, kidnappings and collection of the so-called "revolutionary tax", and that way has been opened for many other wanted ETA men to be extradited.

The extradition is a big success for the tough approach by the Government of Señor Felipe González against Basque terrorism, with an obvious payoff among the military, and most voters at the next general election.

The street violence in the Basque country, which accompanied Wednesday's general strike called by the "people's unity" coalition, showed the anger of extreme left-wingers close to ETA. But more significant was that the bulk of the Basque working class did not join the strike, let alone the violence.

A further challenge to Madrid came from Señor Carlos Garaicoetxea, chief minister of the Basque autonomous government, now made highly uncomfortable by the understanding between Paris and Madrid.

He even alleged in the Basque Parliament that the Socialist leaders secretly attempted last week to wring negotiations from ETA leaders before the extraditions went ahead. "It is a good deal more honest to propose publicly an effort to negotiate with ETA as we have done, than attempt it secretly while accusing others of being apologists for ETA," he said.

The three ETA suspects are José Garcia, accused of shooting four civil guards in a restaurant, José Martinez, accused of belonging to a commando unit which killed three policemen in a Jeep, and Francisco Lujambio, accused of shooting two civil guards in a bar.

The three arrived at the hospital in three ambulances, protected by some 20 police cars.

Critics of the extraditions doubt the move will win the Basque people's support. The Government could not risk trying the three before Basque courts, although the extradition case turned precisely on the criminal nature of their offences.

They will be tried in Madrid. Foreign observers will be able to attend the proceedings, the Government has promised.

The sullen line of the Basque government is indicative of much feeling in the area, even though many ordinary people would undoubtedly be relieved if ETA's violence was really curbed as a result of the extraditions.

MEPs meet their Waterloo

Off the rails on the Labour express

From Ian Murray, Brussels

The second battle of Waterloo is being waged around Brussels. It comes as the climax to a long and productive anti-EEC campaign mounted within the European Parliament by the British Labour group and financed out of EEC funds.

The opening salvo came in the form of a telexed release from the socialist group press office here to newspapers and radio stations in Britain. "Euro-MPs want to rename London's Waterloo station", it said. By the time Eurocrats started denying it, a new EEC myth had been added to the growing book of Community legends.

It began in a committee meeting of MEPs discussing the old idea for writing a common European history which would play down the arguments of the past. West German members are particularly enthusiastic.

M Denis Baudouin, former spokesman to President Pompidou, ridiculed it. You could never stop an Englishman calling his station Waterloo or a Frenchman calling his Austerlitz, he said. Europe had been made of terrible conflicts and by tearing itself apart through the centuries.

For the anti-EEC Labour MEPs on the committee, the mere mention of Waterloo station was enough. "The committee lives in cloud-cuckoo land", Mr Hugh McMahon from Strathclyde West said.

The telexed story cleverly gave the impression that the 24 members of the committee were pushing for a name change. The author was the Labour Party's press officer here, Mr Tony Robinson, a former *Sunday Mirror* journalist, who specializes in anti-EEC scoops, telling them with a twist he knows will appeal to British newspapers.

This week, MEPs have complained that attempts by the Community to change daylight saving time will lead to old people being mugged and teenagers raped in Britain.

In Paris yesterday, M Baudouin was outraged when he learnt what had happened. "They must all be idiots," he said. Mrs Winifred Ewing, the Scottish Nationalist MEP, who chaired the committee meeting, sent a letter of complaint, saying: "It will go down in history as yet another Euro-myth propagated by malicious sources feeding the popular press."

Karpov in masterly second win

Moscow (AP) – Anatoly Karpov, the world champion, won the adjourned sixth game of his championship battle against Gary Kasparov yesterday, giving himself a strong 2-0 lead in the series. The first man to win six matches outright will get the title. Draws do not count.

Karpov, playing black, had retired in a commanding position on Wednesday night when he sealed his forty-second move. Chess experts had predicted he would win when play resumed.

The world champion displayed a perfect command of technique, making not the slightest error in a game most experts considered essentially a routine playoff demanding careful but not inspired play.

Grandmaster Yuri Averbakh, *one of the referees and an expert* on endgame play, claimed there was a chance to make a draw if Kasparov had retreated his rook to the third row on the fifty-seventh move instead of taking a black pawn.

A source inside the Kasparov camp said the challenger would probably take a time-out today.

Sixth game
White, Kasparov, Black, Karpov

1	P-Q4	Kt-KB3	2	P-QB4	P-K3
3	Kt-KB3	P-QKt3	4	P-KKt3	B-R3
5	P-Kt3	B-Kt5ch	6	B-Q2	B-K2
7	B-Kt2	O-O	8	O-O	P-Q4
9	Kt-K5	P-B3	10	B-QB3	KKt-Q2
11	KtxKt	KtxKt	12	Kt-Q2	R-B1
13	P-K4	P-QKt4	14	R-K1	QPxBP
15	PxP	Kt-Kt3	16	PxP	PxP
17	R-QB1	B-R6	18	R-B2	Kt-R5
19	B-QR1	RxR	20	QxR	Q-R4
21	Q-Q1	R-B1	22	Kt-Kt3	Q-Kt5
23	P-Q5	PxP	24	PxP	Kt-B6
25	Q-Q4	QxQ	26	KtxQ	KtxRP
27	Kt-B6	B-B4	28	B-R3	R-R1
29	B-Q4	BxB	30	KtxB	K-B1
31	P-Q6	Kt-B6	32	Kt-B6	B-Kt2
33	B-Kt2	R-K1	34	Kt-K5	P-B3
35	P-Q7	R-Q1	36	BxB	PxKt
37	B-B6	K-K2	38	BxP	KtxB
39	RxPch	KxP	40	RxKt	K-B3
41	R-KR5	P-KR3	42	R-K5	R-QR1
43	R-QR5	K-Kt3	44	R-R2	P-QR4
45	K-B1	P-R5	46	K-K2	K-B4
47	K-Q2	P-R6	48	K-B1	K-Q5
49	P-B4	K-K5	50	K-Kt1	R-Kt1ch
51	K-R1	R-Kt7	52	RxP	RxP
53	K-Kt1	R-Q7	54	R-R6	K-B4
55	R-R7	P-Kt4	56	R-R6	P-Kt5
57	RxP	R-Kt7	58	R-R5ch	K-K5
59	P-B6	R-B7	60	K-B1	K-B6
61	K-Q1	KxP	62	K-K1	K-Kt7
63	R-KKt5	P-Kt6	64	R-KR5	R-B5
65	K-K2	R-K5ch	66	K-Q3	K-B6
67	R-R1	P-Kt7	68	R-R3ch	K-Kt5
69	R-R8	R-KB5	70	K-K2	RxP

White resigned

Whispers silenced: President Chernenko with Mr Kalevi Sorsa, Finland's Prime Minister (far left).

Chernenko's busy week stills Moscow rumours

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Harold Wilson's dictum that a week is a long time in politics is not normally applied to the Soviet Union, where the rhythm of life is much slower.

But President Chernenko, yesterday presented with the *Order of Lenin by Marshal* Dmitry Ustinov, has made a remarkable comeback since last Friday, when television viewers were taken aback by the Soviet leader's obvious ill health.

In a week which began with *rumours that he might have to* step down, Mr Chernenko has been honoured on his seventy-third birthday, made a major speech to the Writers' Union, received the Finnish Prime Minister, and given a speech of thanks to Marshal Ustinov *pointedly recalling that he* holds all the offices of state *formerly held by Leonid Brezhnev* and Yuri Andropov.

Yesterday Mr Chernenko used this authority to make an apparent overture to the West. Provided there was reciprocity, "the capitalist countries should know they will always have in the Soviet Union an honest and well intentioned partner", he said.

***In domestic terms, if not for* foreign audiences, Mr Chernenko's performance has almost overshadowed Mr Andrei Gromyko's talks in the United States.**

Mr Chernenko is still in precarious health, with severe breathing problems. But he is determined to show he is not a mere figurehead, as some party sources had begun to whisper.

The President did not comment directly yesterday on Mr Gromyko's UN speech, or his talks with Mr George Shultz on Wednesday.

But, condemning "aggressive imperialism", he said it made it all the more important to achieve peace.

Confusion on Nkomo 'eviction'

From Jan Raath
Harare

Confusion surrounded the reported eviction yesterday of Mr Joshua Nkomo, the leader of Zapu, from a farm seized by the Government 31 months ago but still used by Mr Nkomo as a country retreat.

Mr Nkomo told *The Times* by telephone from Makwe Ranch near Kezi in southern Matabeleland that he had been told on Tuesday by Mr Wiridzayi Ngoruve, the Commissioner of Police, in a telephone call to quit the property.

The ranch was among about 20 seized by the Government in February 1982, all owned by 11 companies with strong Zapu connections, following the discovery on several farms in Matabeleland of quantities of weapons, munitions and military equipment. The companies been declared unlawful.

Since then, Government-appointed liquidators have been in the process of selling the properties, most of them intended for resettlement. However, Mr Nkomo recently challenged the seizure.

The liquidator replied by sending police to the farm to stop Mr Nkomo from taking any of the property away.

Six journalists trying to visit the farm yesterday morning were ordered by police there to leave and to report to Gwanda police station, about 55 miles away.

Government officials said the journalists were told that the farm was a "protected place" which requires permission for entry, and they were allowed to return to Bulawayo soon afterwards.





Mr Nkomo: Still on his ranch

Dirty Rhine is a bit cleaner

From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn

Less pollution was measured last year in the Rhine, long considered one of Europe's dirtiest rivers, a report by the water authority of North Rhine Westphalia said. Heavy metals no longer posed a threat to drinking water taken from the river, and the oxygen content had improved.

However, the varying concentrations of dangerous substances still posed serious problems, the report said. The river still rates as between "massively" and "critically" affected.

Concentrations of hydrochloric acid were sometimes up to four times the average, and chloride was also causing concern.

Although the French National Assembly has ratified an international agreement on the Rhine, and factories were ordered to bury the salt waste, local protests have held up implementation of the measure.

Toxic death expert quits in Spain

From Harry Debelius
Madrid

The head of the committee investigating epidemiological aspects of Spain's deadly toxic syndrome resigned "for lack of the necessary means" to carry out her job, according to reports published here yesterday.

Dr Susana Sans alleged that in 14 months she had been unable to get the support and equipment to study and classify data and thus form a basis for a long-term follow-up of the illness and its effects.

Nearly 400 Spaniards have died from the mysterious illness which first appeared in May 1981 on the outskirts of Madrid and quickly spread to other parts of the country.

Industrial grade rape seed oil, reprocessed and sold fraudulently as olive oil, was officially blamed for the hundreds of deaths and the tens of thousands of people who suffered temporary or permanent illness.

The precise mechanism of the toxic process, however, was never clearly established to the *satisfaction of scientists, despite* exhaustive tests both here and abroad. Doubts were cast on the cooking oil theory last May, when a research report was leaked. It claimed that not everyone who fell ill had consumed the oil.

The director-general of the national commission for the toxic syndrome, Señora Carmen Salanueva – Dr Sans's superior – was quick to point out that the report represented only one researcher's view. She rejected Dr Sans's reasons for resigning. "We've known since April that she has to return to her work in Catalonia. Her letter of resignation must reflect an attempt to justify her actions during the time she worked here."

Paintings are ruled crude fakes

From Our Correspondent
Paris

The biggest art forgery case since the false Utrillos of the 1960s has ended in Paris with a judgement that three works allegedly by the Dutch abstract master Piet Mondrian were fakes.

The Paris court gave Mme Simone Verdé, a Paris art dealer, a two-year suspended jail sentence for trying to sell the works to the Centre Pompidou for six million francs (about £706,000 at 1978 rates).

The case has long fascinated the Paris art world because the Pompidou Centre, now the main French museum of modern art and the artistic centre of the nation, agreed to buy the paintings despite their earlier rejection by Swiss museums and reputable Paris galleries.

Experts have now declared the paintings crude fakes – there was accelerated aging

The judge, who granted the centre one franc symbolic damages, accused it of incompetence.

Germans agree to pay more towards Nato

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

After months of tough bargaining with Washington, Bonn has agreed to a significant increase in its payments for Nato's infrastructure programme. Over the next six years West Germany will pay some DM5,820m (£1,493m) as its share of the DM22,000m programme to improve air bases, ports, fuel pipelines, equipment and munitions storage.

The German contribution, accounting for 26.5 per cent, is some DM1,000m more than Bonn was originally prepared to pay. But after hard talks between German and American defence officials the United States has dropped additional claims for a $200m special shelter programme and a mid-term review after two years which would have involved a *10 per cent rise in the still open* yearly instalments. The agreement now reached includes a review after three years without virtually any automatic rise.

A final decision is still expected early next month, but the US is understood to be ready to accept the latest German offer, although it was still well below the amount demanded by senior Nato officers with the support of the Reagan Administration.

German banking at the figures held up a decision on the programme by Nato Defence Ministers last May. But the Defence Ministry in Bonn said yesterday the way was now clear for approval of the programme by other Nato states.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, have spoken of the need for a greater European contribution to Nato's defence, and Bonn has been as worried as other West European countries about moves by *Senator Sam Nunn to* force a reduction in American troops in Europe if the Europeans did not raise their share of the costs. However, Herr Manfred Wörner the Defence Minister, has had to bargain hard against both Mr Casper Weinberger, *the* American Defence Secretary, and Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the Bonn Finance Minister, on the amount Germany was able to afford.

Meanwhile the Bundestag defence committee has said that neither the Federal Government nor the Bundestag would be prepared to store additional American chemical weapons in West Germany. It has also rejected American demands for a higher German contribution.

The Defence Ministry is hoping the acrimonious quarrel with Washington is settled, but has now to concentrate on the sharp internal debate over Herr Wörner's proposals to increase the length of national service to compensate for the falling birthrate.

Slow restart to Vienna talks

Vienna (Reuter) – East-West talks on reducing conventional forces in central Europe, the only big disarmament forum still open between the military blocks, resumed yesterday after a summer break with little sign of quick progress.

Both sides accused each other of failing to negotiate seriously, and diplomats said progress would depend on an improvement in the overall East-West climate.

Farm deal leads to Glemp-Jaruzelski summit

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Poland's bishops have approved the statutes for a billion-dollar aid fund for private farmers, thus paving the way for a long-awaited "summit" between General Jaruzelski and Cardinal Jozef Glemp tomorrow.

Church and state have been trying to agree on the legal framework of the fund for several months, the central issue being who should control the estimated $2 billion (£1.6 billion) worth of assistance expected to flow from the West over the next few years.

The Church negotiating team was satisfied last week that the Government would not be able to use the statutes to expand its already considerable monitoring powers. It was feared that a heavy government presence would scare off potential donors.

The Polish episcopate met this week and heard a report of the tentative accord reached between church and state negotiators. The bishops agreed that the statutes were adequate – although the Church will continue to press for a tax-free status for the farm machinery imported from the West – and that the primate could express the Church's approval during tomorrow's session with General Jaruzelski.

The Government, too, is happy, although officials say privately that they doubt the Church will ever be able to raise the sums envisaged.

General Jaruzelski's administration has been enthusiastic about a meeting with Cardinal Glemp because it would like a public commitment to the national reconciliation that the Warsaw leadership believes has been achieved over the past two years.

The Government believes a broad amnesty for political prisoners in August was the high point of this process. The Church says it was a useful step but that there is still a long way to go.

The Church says it has, or is about to receive, the full $20m to launch the pilot scheme for the fund. President Reagan asked Congress for $10m, the European Community is prepared, church advisers say, to match this, providing the statutes are satisfactory, and the American Episcopate raised $3m

Sri Lanka's proposals moving closer to Tamil autonomy demand

From Michael Hamlyn, Colombo

Elections by the end of the year to new district councils, the setting up of indirectly-elected provincial councils, the withdrawal of troops from the streets of the troubled northern and eastern provinces of Sri Lanka and their replacement by specially trained police commandos are part of a new drive to end the desperate ethnic crisis in the island republic, disclosed yesterday by President Junius Jayewardene.

In the course of a long and wide-ranging discussion in his office in the presidential secretariat overlooking the Indian Ocean Mr Jayewardene told me that he expected this weekend's plenary session of the all party talks to be the last. "Then we must prepare legislation and pass it through parliament," he said.

The representatives of the Buddhist clergy attending the talks are reported to have turned against the idea of inter-district coordinating units as a compromise between those demanding regional autonomy and those resisting devolution of powers to anything larger than a district in the all-party talks which were called last January to find a consensus on ways of ending the conflict.

Nor, the president thinks, will the Tamil United Liberation Front (Tulf) be satified. "But I am going ahead with whatever I think is the cinsensus", he said.

The president spoke plainly about the possibility that provincial councils will be set up as a result of all districts in a province agreeing to coordinate, even though the idea of provincial councils has been anathema to the Sinhalese until now. "Some people call them zonal councils," he smiled. But he made it clear that inter-provincial cooperation would not be permitted.

Powers to be devolved upon the new councils have yet to be settled but he indicated yesterday that they could include limited tax raising, and even control of crime fighting, though not of the armed forces. These proposals would be a considerable advance by the president down the road to a compromise with Tamil demands.

However, even if the Tulf does agree, Mr Jayewardene believes it likely that the Tamil extremists will carry on their terrorist actions. He repeated yesterday his offer to meet the Tamil militants, "without preconditions", to discuss the terms of any amnesty which would enable them to give up their armed struggle, but in the meantime is working towards removing the army from direct confrontation.

"The army does commit excesses," he admitted. "The army is not a civil administration. The army is created for a specific purpose. To use it otherwise is not fair on the army, not fair on the citizens, not fair on anybody."

Police commandos are at present being trained by British former members of the Special Air Services, and will eventually take over. The first batch are being sent to the Eastern Province soon where the rebel activity is not so intense. Later, when more numbers are trained - up to 1,000 the President suggested they will be sent to the Northern Province too.

Special police training will also be given by experts from Israel. "We wanted their advice with regard to training our investigative organizations," Mr Jayewardene said. He added that the training had not yet begun, and he denied that the Israeli experts were representatives of Mossad, the Israeli intelligence organization.

The President said that he had nothing to fear from the Government of Mrs Indira Gandhi in India, though he hoped that after her elections she would clamp down on the Tamil extremists operating out of the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu.

He would also be seeking backing for his plans from the opposition party in Sri Lanka, the Sri Lanka Freedom Party, led by former Prime Minister Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike, which is at present boycotting the talks.





Fate of doomed Arctic explorer

Photographs released this week by Canadian anthropologists show the left hand (above) and the body (right) of Petty Officer John Torrington much as he looked when buried in 1846 during an abortive Arctic expedition.

He was on the doomed Franklin exploration of 1845-48, which was seeking the North-West passage.

A university team which recently opened the grave and that of another sailor on Beechey Island, Northwest Territories, found the bodies almost perfectly preserved by the permafrost in which they lay. After taking tissue samples, the researchers reburied the bodies.

Professor Owen Beattie, of Alberta University, said that the sailors' remains looked more alive than dead. "It is like a time machine, seing someone who looks as they did 138 years ago, wearing their clothing.

Torrington, who was 20 when he died and Able Seaman John Hartnell, aged 25, were on Sir John Franklin's expedition to find a route from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Sikhs give up protest after pledge on temple

Amritsar (Reuter) – Sikh high priests yesterday called off a mass march on the Golden Temple after the Indian Government agreed to withdraw security forces from the complex and hand it over to religious leaders by tomorrow.

Settlement of the crisis over control of the holiest Sikh shrine was reached at a meeting between the priests and President Zail Singh, who is a Sikh.

One of the five high priests, Sahab Singh, said that the march, planned for Monday, had been cancelled. It had been called to press for withdrawal of troops who have occupied the complex since it was stormed by the Army in June.

"We have also given up plans for a victory celebration at the request of the Government and instead will hold a three-day recitation of our holy book on Saturday, when we regain control of the shrine," the high priest said.

Major-General Gouri Shankar, in charge of security forces in Punjab State, said that the Army would withdraw as soon as the temple was handed back to the priests. Athough troops had been replaced with paramilitary forces, the Golden Temple was still under army control.

The priests yesterday exonerated the President from religious charges, including wearing shoes when he visited the shrine after the army action.

The temple was badly damaged when troops stormed it.

Landmark for Central America

US left in the cold at talks with EEC

From Christopher Thomas, San José, Costa Rica

The European Community is poised for its first political and economic intervention in Central America, a region torn by war and poverty but increasingly united behind a desire to be extricated from US domination.

Washington, with its long record of direct and covert military entanglement in some of the world's classic banana republics, is watching warily as foreign ministers of the five Central American nations here for talks with all 10 EEC foreign ministers.



The two-day conference is regarded throughout Latin America as a historical political landmark. Essentially Central America is saying it wants Europe to help lessen the overbearing influence of the mighty superpower to the north. The official agenda speaks of initiating a comprehensive and structured political and economic dialogue.

The United States has not been invited, not even as an observer, and has not been kept officially informed through the usual diplomatic channels. The conference, more than any event in recent history is viewed by Central American as an expression of individualty and regional identity.

The Americans will see what develops before attempting to clarify their somewhat ambivalent attitude. Washington has no desire to see its political influence lessened by increased European involvement. Economically, however, it would in principle welcome EEC intervention, although it is worried that the left-wing Nicaraguan Government would benefit in a regional aid package.

The EEC ministers will probably agree to increased cultural exchanges and approve the broad outlines of a regional development plan. A medium to long term Community aid package of around $250m (£201m) is being talked about by EEC officials. The precise details will be subject to further lengthy discussions.

Central America began preliminary talks with Community officials in the summer, with a huge shopping list of economic assistance programmes, most of which were summarily rejected. There is a sense of confusion in the region over why it does not enjoy the entire range of EEC preferential benefits given, for example, to Mexico, Argentina and Brazil.

The final outline agreement now on the table is apparently moderate, and certainly nothing like the enormous, long-term nation-by-nation selective aid programme of the US.

European diplomats in Costa Rica emphasize that the Community has no wish to usurp or interfere with the Contadora regional peace process established early last year by Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia and Panama. It took its name from a Panamanian island where the first meeting was held.

Europe enthusiastically supports the process. Officially, so does the US although its true commitment is a matter of widespread doubt.

The Costa Rican conference will implicitly underline Europe's extensive criticism of President Reagan's militaristic response to the Cuban-backed Sandinista Government of Nicaragua.

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Managua opens poll to right-wing coalition

From Alan Tomlinson, Managua

The Sandinista Government has reopened the list of candidates fo Nicaragua's general election to allow the right-wing coalition of Señor Arturo Cruz to reconsider its abstention, but a high-ranking government member said there will be no postponement of polling day as the coalition has requested.

The Government had made an offer to Señor Cruz through intermediaries to postpone the date until November 30 on condition that the coalition, known as the Democratic Coordinating Committee, signed a letter condemning United States aggression. The Sandinistas received no reply and polling will go ahead on November 4.

Señor Cruz told President Belisario Betancur of Colombia during a recent visit to Bogota that he was ready to make a late entry to the election. The President then telephoned Señor Sergio Ramirez, a member of the three-man Nicaraguan junta and vice-presidential candidate for the ruling Sandinista Front, informing him that the coalition was repared to drop its list of nine conditions for taking part, including dialogue with the US-backed Contras, if it could be guaranteed full access to radio and television, freedom to mobilize its supporters and a copy of the new electoral register.

When the Nicaraguans accepted, President Betancur conveyed Señor Cruz's request for a postponement of the election to February 22 to allow him 90 days to campaign. After further consultations, Señor Ramirez offered to put back the date until November 30 and to guarantee Señor Cruz extra broadcasting time to catch up the other parties, provided the coalition denounce US aggression. This would make the postponement more palatable to strong popular forces within Nicaragua opposed to giving any ground to the right.

The inscription period was reopened to Tuesday until October 1, and the Supreme Court has reinstated, temporarily at least, the legal status of the three coalition parties, the Social Christians, Social Democrats and Constitutional Liberals.

The six other parties taking part, headed by the two largest opposition forces, the Independent Liberals and Democratic Conservatives, met on Wednesday to analyse the electoral climate. They agreed to meet again today.

Señor Cruz has been depicted by the Government as "the missionary from Washington" whose boycott serves US rather than Nicaragua.

THE ARTS

Cinema

Magical creation of period

The Bostonians (PG)
Curzon

The Bounty (15)
ABC Shaftesbury Avenue

Forever Young (15)
Classics Haymarket, Oxford Street, Chelsea

The peripatetic production team of James Ivory (director), Ismail Merchant (producer) and Ruth Prawer Jhabvala (writer) have returned to America and Henry James, five years after their adaptation of *The Europeans*. **The Bostonians** is more challenging, if only because it sets out to present a much broader panorama of late nineteenth-century society. The strange private contest, between a man and a woman of contrasted personality and belief for the possession of a young girl, is set against the background of the militant, emerging Women's Movement in America, 1876.

The film-makers have not played to the sensibilities of modern audiences by modifying James's mistrust of much of the emancipation effort. His young heroine Verena Tarrant thrills the ladies of Boston with inspired, inspirational orations performed under the sinister influence of her father, a spiritualist and charlatan. Her fanatical and possessive patron, Miss Chancellor, hysterically makes her promise, to prove her dedication to the cause, never to marry. Verena, however, is finally unable to resist the dictates of her heart and the attractions of Basil Ransome, a personable if impecunious New York lawyer and Miss Chancellor's cousin.

The strength of the adaptation is in not looking for some filmic equivalent of James's stylistic elaborations (which would be a fairly fruitless undertaking anyway) but more simply to make concrete the world the book describes. James Ivory's costume films have always shown a special skill for finding and using locations: here he has discovered a nineteenth-century Boston and Cape Cod whose authenticity we never doubt, whether it is the streets, the lecture halls, the interiors – rich and cluttered or bare and shabby. Walter Lassally's photography even manages to give a sense of period to an empty seashore filmed near Martha's Vineyard.

The skill at period extends to the casting. Utterly at ease in the costumes and the milieu, his people are believable realizations of the characters James described. Linda Hunt (the Oscar-winning small person from *The Year of Living Dangerously*) is a forbiddingly rational Dr Prance; Jessica Tandy a sweetly tough Miss Birdseye; and Wesley Addy a wonderfully sinister Dr Tarrant. Of the principals, Christopher Reeve permits glimpses of the ruthlessness behind Basil's charm, though Vanessa Redgrave is a rather monotonously grim and hysterical Miss Chancellor. The real discovery of the film, however, is Madeleine Potter, who skilfully sustains the mystery of the exact demarcation of naivety and cunning in Verena.

The Bounty arrives with the undeserved reputation of being the *real* story of the historical event which has already inspired two pictures – the Laughton-Gable version of *Mutiny on the Bounty* directed by Frank Lloyd in 1935 and the Trevor Howard-Marlon Brando remake by Lewis Milestone of 1962. Readers of Glyn Christian's *Fragile Paradise* – the latest of thousands of accounts of the affair, but the best-researched portrait of Fletcher Christian – will recognize departures from history which sometimes seem more wilful than dramatically advantageous.

The central conflict of the Bounty story must essentially be (as, historically, no doubt it was) the conflict of two proud, ambitious young men at first linked and then divided by passionate feeling. In this interpretation it often seems that the effort has been less to make Bligh sympathetic than to made Christian unsympathetic. Exposed to the fleshly delights of Tahiti, Christian becomes such a weak, hedonistic slob that it would be hard not to sympatize with Bligh's exasperation. On the other hand there is nothing to reveal what quality in Bligh's personality it was that made him, even though he was a fine sailor and no worse disciplinarian than many of his naval contemporaries, repeatedly inspire mutinies throughout his career.

Neither character is ever strongly enough defined to provide genuine conflict; and the fault lies more in the writing than in the conscientious performances of Anthony Hopkins and Mel Gibson (flashing his boyish charm a bit too much). The script is singly credited to Robert Bolt; but it is apparent that other and less talented hands have made their contribution. It is hard to recognize Bolt's style in banal expository scenes that evoke memories of historical plays on *Children's Hour*, or to suppose that he could not have found a better solution to the difficulties of dramatic structure (the big action scene is over and done with when the story is only two-thirds through) than the dull framing device of Bligh's court martial.

The troubles no doubt rise from the film's complicated history. It was initially to have been made by David Lean as two full-length films. Lean departed the project, but the producer Dino de Laurentiis was committed to the extent of a million-dollar replica of the Bounty (steel, clad in wood) which had been prepared for it. Bolt's two scripts appear to have been amalgamated; and the project was taken over by the young New Zealander Roger Donaldson, whose talents as action director had been previously demonstrated in more modest films, *Sleeping Dogs* and *Smash Palace*. Donaldson stages a lively mutiny, but afterwards fails to convey a real sense either of the privations or the maritime genius of Bligh's 4,000-mile voyage, so that it follows as an anti-climax.



Discovery of naivety and cunning: Madeleine Potter with Christopher Reeve in *The Bostonians*

The publicity for **Forever Young** is in two minds about whether or not the film belongs to the "First Love" series from the same stable, David Puttnam's Enigma Films. One can see the difficulty. On the surface this is the same world as *P'Tang, Yang, Kipper Bang* or *Those Glory, Glory Days*, the same potent mixture of comfortable suburbia, schooldays, nostalgia, music, the pleasures and traumas of adolescence. Yet there is a much darker, stranger quality in the relationships developed in Ray Connolly's script which makes David Drury's first feature considerably more sinewy than its companion pieces.

It centres on a boyhood friendship created out of passion for rock and roll. The two friends meet again 25 years on, when one is a celibate Catholic priest and the other a teacher with a failed marriage behind him. Initially affectionate, their reunion revives bitter memories of old jealousies and betrayals, secret sexual yearnings. The innocent victims of their anger are a young boy, with a passionate fixation on the priest, and his mother. The very ordinariness of the setting highlights tortuous emotional entanglements; and the performances, especially of the young actors Jason Carter, Julian Firth and the 14-year-old Liam Holt, are delicately managed.

David Robinson

Concert

CBSO/Rattle
Festival Hall

It was clearly an act of homage when in 1937 Schoenberg orchestrated one of Brahms's early but great chamber works, the G minor Piano Quartet, thus turning it into the symphony it could so easily have first been. And yet, hearing the fruits of Schoenberg's labours played on Wednesday by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, one could not help wondering if perhaps the venture rather distorted the balance of the original.

The problem lies in the finale. In Brahms's unaltered version it seems quite natural that the serious atmosphere of such a vast work should be dissipated in part by a relatively carefree but nevertheless tasteful gipsy rondo finale. The process only recalls Haydn, after all. But Schoenberg, through his colourful, supremely skilful orchestration, success in turning the movement into a kind of obligatory encore whose humour verges on the camp, particularly when the xylophone makes its spectacular appearance. Whoever said that Schoenberg was dull?

The critical amount of musical weight thus removed seems to have been placed instead on the penultimate movement, an Andante con moto whose Beethovenian substance was turned by the ripeness of Schoenberg's instrumentation into the work's eloquent climax and, to all intents and purposes, its end.

If Schoenberg's job here was almost too well done, the first two movements retained the elegance of the original, but gained cogency from Schoenberg's larger palette of sound. The first movement, with woodwinds doubling each other at the octave, provided an immediate reminder that this is no pastiche of Brahms's own orchestral technique but rather a view from a later, grateful age. And the second, which apparently signified Brahms's first use of the Intermezzo in place of the more aggressive Scherzo of his Germanic forebears and contemporaries, remained beautifully transparent. Simon Rattle's direction, and the CBSO's playing, were at all times assured.

It was a curious idea to juxtapose this work with Rachmaninov's Second Piano Concerto, in which the soloist was Cecile Ousset. Opinion of her playing seems divided, but I can only say that while she certainly possesses strength and a formidable technique I found there to be no depth to her reading. The first movement had none of the darkness that it ought to have, and the more lyrical passages were self-consciously rather than naturally moulded. Very professional, but very disquieting.

Stephen Pettitt

Theatre

Of Mice and Men
Nuffield, Southampton

David Gilmore was well on the way to building the Nuffield into one of the best repertory companies in the country when he fell victim to the National Theatre's *droit de seigneur*, leaving Southampton spectators with uneasy forebodings of what to expect after his brief but glorious reign.

The news so far is good. Justin Greene, the incoming artistic director, is another skilful pioneer of new work (witness his Old Vic production of *Master Class*) and his first season, including a new Roger Hall play and two richly deserved revivals (David Pownall's *Music to Murder By* and Tom McGrath's *Animal*) shows the same programme-building flair that distinguished the previous regime.

It also marks Geoff Bullen's opening production. Steinbeck's novel may be an O-level text, but when was the stage version last performed? *Of Mice and Men* has paid the usual penalty of a popular masterpiece. The story is so strong and memorable that, once read or seen, it goes back on the shelf for ever.

Everybody knows the outline events of the tragic friendship between George and Lennie – the fast-talking man-of-the-road and the giant simpleton – who take a casual labouring job on a Californian farm where Lennie "does bad a thing" for the last time. What I, for one, had forgotten was the weight of feeling between the two men, piled in hard, detail after detail, every one of which rings true; the spare elegance of the plotting, and the accumulating sense that these are not simply a pair of freaks, but that their companionship is reflected in the solitary lives all round them.

Crooks, the black labourer, for instance, is driven into malevolence by his own kind of social exclusion. Likewise Curley's young wife: there is no better passage in the narrative than the scene where Lennie and the girl are drawn together by their shared fondness for stroking soft things – both going into ecstacies at the idea of velvet – which leads straight on to her appalling accidental death.

Clive Mantle and Susan Penhaligon achieve a fine transition in this scene; beginning in playful giggles that change their note when he kneels up, towering above her, to take her hair in his hands. The scene remains true to the death as both performances retain the essential quality of a meeting between children who happen to be in possession of adult bodies.

Mr Mantle throughout underplays the King Kong side of Lennie so as to emphasize the idea of a little boy, almost a cry-baby, with the anatomy of one of nature's bullies. His blubbering distress and obstinate sulks with Lou Hirsch's parental George in the first scene are extremely moving. They also pave the way for the dream speeches and for the fight with the psychotic Curley. Supporting performances, particularly William Roberts's Slim and Calvin Simpson's snarlingly obsequious Crooks, are well up to standard. Sean Cavanagh contributes an ingenious mobile set combining rural authenticity with the sense of an infernal machine.

Irving Wardle

Lile Jimmy Williamson
Duke's Playhouse, Lancaster

At the head of the stairs in Lancaster's opulently Edwardian town hall hangs the portrait of a man – a small man, endearing only at first sight, whose smile suggests he is not to be trifled with. He has more right to be there than most municipal worthies: he built the place. He also paid for the massive statue of Queen Victoria outside in the square, and a monument of gigantic height and extent which still commands the park he presented to the city.

James Williamson (1842-1930), one and only Lord Ashton of Ashton, made himself the fifth richest man in the world with his linoleum factory here, sat as a Liberal MP and then as a peer following generous gifts to that party, and lived a long life of controversy and eccentricity. His *Times* obituary implies a partly comic tyrant-figure which, with David Pownall's name as author for this play, suggests a dramatic portrait to compare with Mr Pownall's Stalin in *Master Class*. Taking offence at allegations that he bought his title, he turned hard on his workforce, supported the Tories, transferred his philanthropy to London, pulled his carriage blinds down when passing his own town hall, and became a recluse who dreaded the sight of strangers and died intestate with unanswered correspondence piling up to the ceiling.

In fact this play (an early Pownall work first staged here in 1975 and certainly ready for revival) is a less colourful affair, not fearing to be arid or oblique. It sees Ashton as a naive, old-fashioned liberal left high and dry by the tide of history – but unfortunately with a personal psychology that largely confuses the issue. Jon Strickland, executing effortless changes between the young idealist welcoming wider suffrage and the age-crippled megalomaniac scenting treachery in every vassal's vote against him, can admit little humour into this poisoned father-figure. Jimmy would not dream of increasing wages; his generosity is only meant to buy love: and he is wryly accompanied by a doctor (Will Tacey) watching the lifelong progress of what he frankly calls madness. Only Meretta Elliott, as his innocently liberal second wife, dropping dead of a seizure at a surprisingly socialist philanthropic meeting, keeps her tenderness unscathed in the gathering social storm; and a drunken colonel's calculating widow (Barbara Peirson) takes her place.

Punctuating the action – much, much too frequently – are reproachful choruses of Brechtian terseness and obscurity, full-throated but often unintelligibly sung by the workers he misunderstands, turning from adulation to hate. There are vintage Pownall passages like Jimmy's dinner party *à quatre* with a rival candidate who significantly tries to claim half the meat pie: when Jimmy sits down to eat it alone, a hand darts at his throat from the potato crust. But Jonathan Petherbridge's production mostly has to take the difficulties and shifts of style as they come, which does not help. Meanwhile, as you leave the theatre, the illuminated clock of Jimmy's town hall still stares you insolently in the face; but the vandalized monument is boarded up as a highly dangerous structure.

Anthony Masters

Television

A welcome lift to thriller-writing

As his unlikely hero triumphed last night over an international conspiracy to rob the world banking systems through computer fraud, it seemed that Ron Hutchinson, whose **Bird of Prey 2** concluded on BBC1, had left himself the possibility of a third serial. His second capped his first, which was not easy and was not only a tribute to Mr Hutchinson but to the producer Bernard Krichefski, the director Don Leaver, the designer Gavin Davies, the graphic designer Bob Cosford and the cast.

Mr Hutchinson writes a sharp script which, though it tends to endow heroes, villains and supporting players with a similar wit, has given a welcome lift to thriller-writing, often as tedious as football commentaries.

His fat, computer-clever hero, Richard Griffiths, the antithesis of the jogging man, did a magnificent job, well complemented by Carole Nimmins as his wife. She was something of an anti-heroine, seeking solace in the bottle to enable her to co-exist with the apprehensions brought about by her husband's transition from dull-dog commuter to fearless sleuth. Last night she found another kind of bottle and delivered the *coup de grace* to the lethal Roche, invested with simmering menace by Lee Montague.

The plot teetered frequently on the edge of incomprehensibility, not unusual in good thrillers, the computer graphics became cleverer as the serial proceeded, and any feeling that this was something for computer buffs only must have receded rapidly.

Should we see *Bird of Prey 3*, many of the characters we have met will be gone forever. Roche disposed of quite a few but, in memoriam as it were, mention should be made of the contributions of Bob Peck, Terence Rigby and Heather Tobias. They also serve who are cast as victims. Jan Holden was a construct of a mother-in-law we would prefer not to have and her performance will sustain the matrimonial legend.

BBC2's Commercial Breaks features other kinds of birds of prey. This series purports to follow the fortunes of entrepreneurs around the world as their stories unfold. That is a tall order but we shall see some of the mighty enjoying being so and reflect perhaps that success is not everything.

Last night told some of the story of Mr Maxwell's seizure of the Mirror Group.

We were able to see him giving an example of his techniques of micro-management. "Why are we sending a *Mirror* photographer to Paris to take a picture of a Bond lady?" he demanded. That is how you raise purchase prices of £113m perhaps. He is to have a second coming next week, but I think I shall be recovering from the first.

Dennis Hackett

SPECTRUM

Having a ball at the grass roots of rugby

Twickenham is not the oldest rugby ground in the world, but proudly maintains its position as the heart and soul of the game. Simon Barnes reflects on the first 75 years, on the eve of a match between England and a world XV to commemorate the anniversary of the headquarters of the RFU



An English player in the first international against Wales, January 1910

It is surprising that Twickenham is only 75 years old. It has an air of utterly British rightness and a feeling of such inevitability that one assumes it must have been there forever.

Twickenham is often seen as a shrine to Victorian values but in fact the first game was played there on October 2, 1909. That is why tomorrow its seventy-fifth birthday party will take place when an England XV takes on a team of international stars, the Rugby Football Union's President's XV.

Other countries may have their rugby unions but England glories in the fact that there is only one Rugby Football Union, which of course, has its headquarters at Twickenham.

And there, on the wall of the Presidents' Room at Twickenham hangs the charter in which the RFU was granted a coat of arms in its centenary year of 1970: crest, a demi lion quadrant resting his sinister paw on a rugby ball proper. The motto, which means "may rugby flourish everywhere" is *Rugbeia Floreat Ubique*, of which the acronym is RFU which is jolly clever – who said rugby men always failed their [illegible] word for rugby: the matches between the Roman Legionaires XV and the Visigoths XV must have been worth watching.

Provided of course that there was a decent stage for the event. The Colosseum, or something along those lines. Billy Williams (a rugby name that has a classic ring to it) was aware of the need for a good stage for a good game. For too long, England had been a bunch of restless wanderers, playing their international matches at Crystal Palace or Richmond or Blackheath, or in remote places up-country.

Williams thought a spot just outside London would be ideal. So he found a fruit and vegetable garden near the River Crane: a part of the world where Turner used to paint, where Pope, Swift, Gay and Fielding all lived: Twickenham.

Round every sporting body ever created, gathers a bunch of far-sighted men, convinced they know what is the best thing for the game. And they saw at once that Twickenham would never catch on as a centre for the rugby-playing world: too low lying, they said, and too far from London. Scornfully they dubbed it "Billy Williams's cabbage patch".

But the land selected by Williams was bought for £5,572 12s 6d. The RFU must be pleased they managed to scrape together that last 12s 6d, because the cabbage patch has been a fair old success. The French call it "la cathédrale de [illegible] though to tell the truth, people are getting a bit self-conscious about "Twickers" these days.

Andy Ripley, the eccentric giant and former England international, called it "a kind [illegible] facilities [illegible] for all that [illegible] piece . . .

The Queen [illegible] RFU, and Ripley [illegible] mind the panic she [illegible] inspired when [illegible] early visit [illegible] they realized [illegible] week to go [illegible] installed.

But downstairs, the players' changing rooms are markedly unsalubrious. The plumbing has a kind of Brobdignagian charm. Dominating all are the eight baths: not the all-together boys plunge-baths, but proper, individual, 60-years old baths that stand up proudly on their own four-clawed feet.

In each changing room is a clock, each one kept scrupulously three minutes fast. In the referee's room is an identical clock at the correct time. The idea is to hurry the players on to the pitch: they have never kicked off at Twickenham international late yet, and don't intend to start. Though to the critics of the RFU, it must come as something of a surprise to learn there is something at headquarters that is ahead of its time.

But in truth, both Twickenham and the game of rugby have changed since G. V. Carey kicked off in 1909 and Harlequins beat Richmond 14-10. At Twickenham, the huge stands have risen and so indeed, has the pitch. The critics of the cabbage patch had some justice on their side, for until the banks of the Crane were built up, the ground was liable to flooding: in 1927 you could have rowed a boat round the south terrace. Layers of clinker beneath the pitch lifted it up and improved the drainage.

A fancy modern stand has gone up at one end of the ground with expensive boxes, steeply raked seating, loads of concrete and beneath it, the Rose Room now available for "functions", a place where rugby men can cheer themselves sick at club annual dinners. It is part of Twickenham's serious attempt to sell itself more efficiently: the amateur game is big business these days.

Not that there is any trouble in selling the major internationals: here you are talking about a turnover of £400,000 a game, and thousands more returned to unlucky ticket applicants. But the RFU is trying to attract bigger crowds to the lesser fixtures, of which Saturday's gala is one. On the big days, many club games are suspended and the clubs troop down to Twickenham, making a kind of Sunday School outing of the jaunt.

But the RFU treasurer, Sandy Sanders, is charged with the task of "waking up the sleeping giant" of Twickenham. He wants to make it a year-round place, rather than one that rouses itself monstrously on a few Saturdays in the year. He plans guided tours (past the quadrupedal baths and pointing out the wood panelling in the President's Room, donated by the Shanghai Rugby Club); he has other schemes for increasing the use of the ground, including installing facilities for rugby training camps: above all, Twickenham must be a place where the future, as well as the past of the game is looked after.

But the past weighs heavily on the place, despite all these plans and all the fancy concrete of the new stand. "When you go to Twickenham, and you pull an England jersey over your head . . . well, it's an incredible feeling," said the RFU secretary, Bob Weighill. "You really are prepared to go out there and die for England."

Though some of the most ferocious scrums happen when you try and buy a drink. There are 18 bars and four restaurants, the bars decorated with a kind of aggressive minimalism. The former international players, however, have a bar to themselves (and who deserves it more?), a bar decorated with some of the less sanctified pictures of rugby history, including a streaker, male, naked but for a policeman's helmet. But no sign of Erica Roe. Conspicuous, as it were, by her absence.

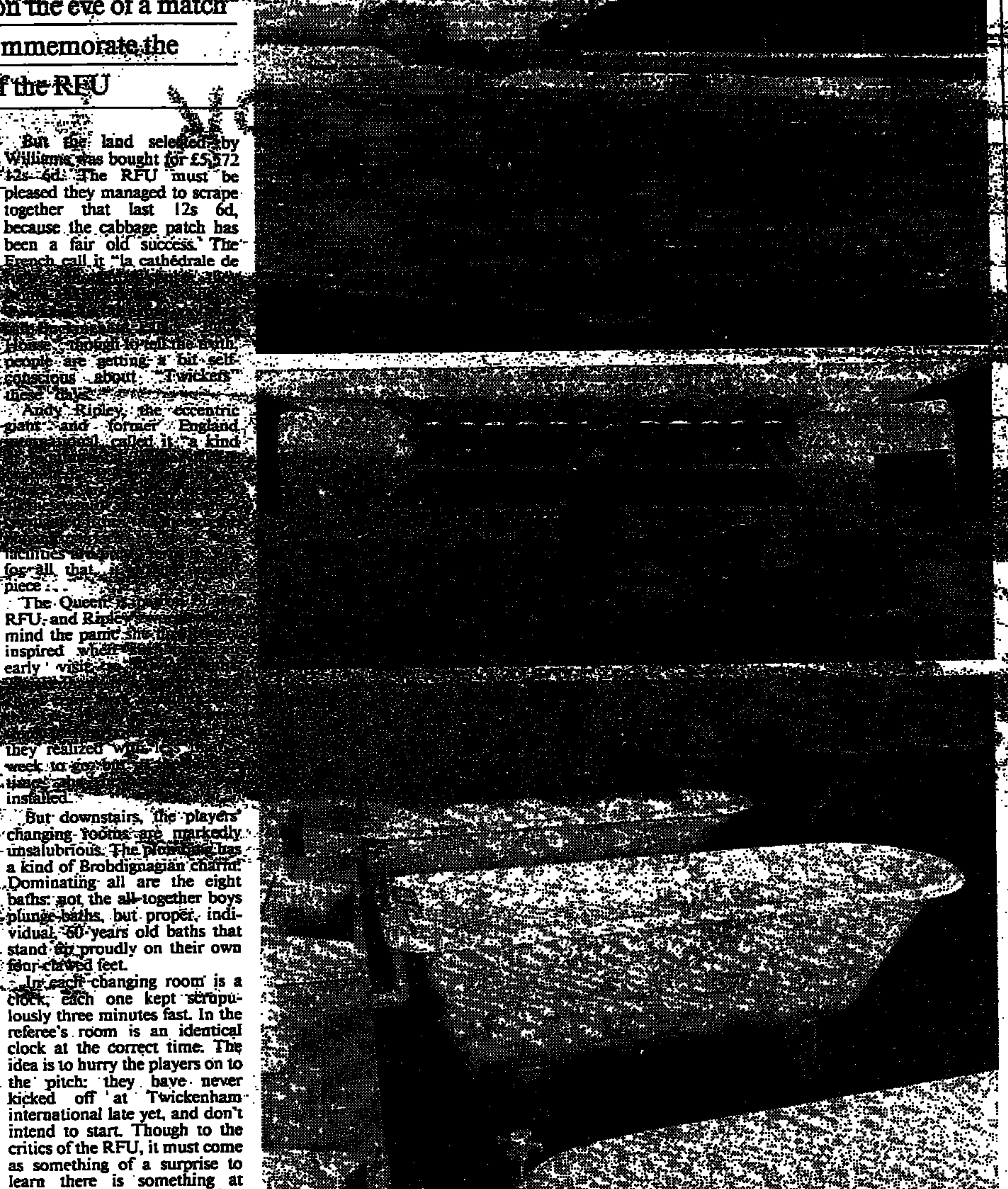
But there are plenty of hallowed pictures elsewhere, and sacred objects to go with them: pictures of men in unending shorts, referees in bowler hats trying to control 20-a-side games, the head of every RFU president from A. Rutter onwards, the real head of the holy springbok, and many, and often ghastly gifts from all over the world commemorating the RFU centenary.

Twickenham became the ball-wed centre of rugby union shortly after the split with the Northern Union, who went away to found the unmentionable Rugby League. But the RFU has carried on through triumph and disaster, through England's first defeat at Twickenham, at the hands of South Africa, in the 1912-13 season, and through the wars, in the first of which Twickenham was a grazing ground for cattle and sheep and in the second was requisitioned, used by the Civil Defence, the car park becoming allotments, and the iron railing torn up and contributed as scrap for the war effort. Twickenham was also struck a blow by a V- bomb.

Nor was that the end of Twickenham's involvement in international dispute. TheRugby Football Union is as ever, deeply involved in international sporting politics – or as they would prefer to put it, in trying to keep politics out of international sport. It amounts to the same thing. The game itself has changed violently, forward method play dominating at the expense of twinkle-toed expertise and intuitive back play. Money and the talk of professionalism hang over the RFU, the guardians of the amateur game as they see themselves, like the sword of Damocles. The game and all that surrounds it gets harder, tougher, more prone to controversy.

But Twickenham survives: like the game itself, Twickenham is a survivor. On Saturday, with a bit of luck, the seventy-fifth birthday party will be an exhibition of rugby football's unique blend of mayhem and poetic grace. Later in the year, Twickenham will greet the Australians and the Romanians. In the past, teams from Fiji, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, the United States and Japan have played there.

And rugby is also played in the most unlikely places: the Solomon Islands, Argentina, Taiwan, Korea, Singapore. Twickenham lies at the heart of a global sport: and the Rugby Football Union, more than any other body in the game, has a responsibility to all the rest of the rugby playing world. For when in doubt, rugby looks to Twickenham.



Changing times: horses graze on the pitch through the summer of 1915 (top) but modern methods have now taken over (centre), in the background is the new stand. In the changing rooms, old-fashioned baths are still used

The game I will never forget

[illegible] Beaumont [illegible] Captain

[illegible] of a long [illegible] straight [illegible] England's grand slam season of 1980 [illegible] most [illegible] match [illegible] which [illegible] at Twickenham. But the game that stands [illegible] in my memory as the most dramatic of the 16 I played at headquarters is the one in which [illegible] scraped home 7-6 [illegible] in 1979.

[illegible] must have been [illegible] sense [illegible] end of the game, compared with the low expectations with which most England supporters began the game which made it such a notable victory. It came against a French side still containing several of their grand slam players from 1977 and which – although we did not know it at the time – was to bring off such a memorable win against New Zealand in Auckland in the summer of 1979.

England could hardly have been much lower before the game. We had lost to New Zealand, could only manage a draw at home with Scotland, and lost to Ireland. We went out against the French knowing we had to do something to salvage our pride even though we were without two outstanding forwards, Cotton and Uttley, and had two players making their first appearance, Smart in the front row, and Cardus at centre.

I had been made captain in [illegible] before against [illegible] when Roger Uttley [illegible] to drop out with illness [illegible] I retained the captaincy in [illegible] game which, looking back, [illegible] have marked some kind of [illegible] point particularly [illegible] we went on to win the [illegible] slam the next year. [illegible] gave us an earthly [illegible] of winning, which at [illegible] made my job of motivat[illegible] team easier.

[illegible] of our success hinged [illegible] the line-out where Nigel Horton had a marvellous game. Ironically he was then living and playing in France, but he and John Scott dominated the ball and I even managed one or two at the front myself. Neil Bennett as stand off half kicked a penalty in the first half and scored a try to put us 7–0 up. It was a foul day, the rain lashing down and the French must have wished they were anywhere else but Twickenham until Costes, their wing, scored a try with barely 10 minutes to go.

It was converted and after that we just had to hang on praying for John West, the Irish referee, to blow his whistle. There was an explosion of noise at the end. We had won a bit of respect back

Bill Beaumont won 34 caps for England between 1975 and 1982, the most by a lock forward and led his country 21 times, more than any other player. He also captained the 1980 British Lions in South Africa.

Feet warmer: a makeshift grandstand in 1910 keeps spectators warm as heat rises from the hay

Switched off by a Capital idea

moreover . . . Miles Kington

Hearing that Brian Rust's programme, *Mardi Gras*, had been killed off last Sunday by Capital Radio was like seeing a favourite building knocked down or learning that the local station was being closed. No, it was worse than that – it was like being told of the death of a favourite relative.

God may forgive you, Capital Radio, but I don't think I shall.

For those who never heard it, the full name of the programme was *Mardi Gras: A carnival of the best in popular music and all that jazz*. At 10pm every Sunday for 10 years, after the news and the ads, came a frenetic scratchy old version of "Tiger Rag", fading away to be replaced by Brian Rust's voice.

No pseudo-American is Rust, no smoothy DJ, but a real person with an eager, slightly scruffy, vaguely regional voice talking as fast as he could.

And what records! All 78s from his own collection, mostly from the 1920s and 1930s. A lot were straight jazz, though some leant sideways into dance music, some sported vocalists, a few came from films and one every six months was a tango record from Buenos Aires.

I used to pride myself on a useful knowledge of jazz history until I started listening to Brian Rust; not only had I never heard most of the records, I had never heard of the bands.

If there was an unknown orchestra playing in a hotel in San Antonio in 1927 or a get-together of Benny Goodman and the boys in 1935 that nobody else knew about, Brian Rust was sure to know.

Sometimes he knew, but didn't have a copy. Then he would get a copy. Occasionally it would take a long time – several requests he played two or three years after receiving them, because it took him that long to find a copy of the record.

He would apologize for the poor quality of a King Oliver 78 from 1923, adding that it was the only known copy in existence. He once played a Luis Russell record which didn't exist – he had only a tape transcription of it.

It was the only programme on the air today which seemed homemade, totally personal. It didn't seem to come from Capital Radio, it seemed to come from Rust's front room, where he sat with a pile of 78s and an old machine, dying to play them to you.

"What have we got next?" he would enthuse. "Ah yes – a 1932 recording by Nat Schildkret and his band, with a hot solo by, you'll never guess who . . ." and in it would go, and we would sit through acres of sighing saxophones till we got to the hot solo.

Sometimes he would make the listeners do the work. He once urged everyone to write in with nominations for the hottest record of all time and then played the dozen finalists, ending up with the winning record by King Oliver, which I hated, but the programme was great.

Later he organized a contest for the sweetest jazz 78 of all time. Some of the finalists were wonderful – Duke Ellington's "Mood Indigo", for example, and the rare "Junk Man" by Benny Goodman and Jack Teagarden, with jazz harp by Caspar Reardon – but the winner again was King Oliver, with the tune on the other side of his previous winning 78.

I leapt from my chair yelling, "Fix! Fix!", but in my heart of hearts I knew that Rust would never stoop to fix anything.

He had an engagingly patronizing attitude to female listeners, whom he tended to call the ladies or the girls; sometimes he had segregated programmes with female-only requests (or female-only singers) and once or twice he asked his wife Mary to pick the whole night's records at random.

He was secretly in love with Annette Hanshaw, a sweet-voiced singer who started recording in the 1920s at the age of 16 and gave up in her twenties, and I think I was too. He once related how he had met Miss Hanshaw in New York, now getting on and totally surprised that anyone should seek her out, let alone from London, England.

He educated us about forgotten songwriters like Neil Moret. He filled in our education on early Hoagy Carmichael and reminded us about Red Mackenzie. He tried to turn us on to Al Bowlly, unsuccessfully in my case, and seemed to think that Eddie Lang was better than Django Reinhardt, which is just plain ridiculous.

What he did best of all was make us think that it all mattered. I don't think his listening figures were that high, but I bet that every listener loved him and taped every note illegally. I never let a Sunday evening pass without tuning in, if I was around, and I don't know what I'm going to do now.

Capital Radio tells us that he will be coming back occasionally, and I suppose I should thank them for those 10 years. But I'm not in that sort of mood. Until Brian Rust comes back full-time with *Mardi Gras*, I'm not coming back to Capital Radio.

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14 Potato spirit (6)
17 Last month (6)
19 Indian diamond (3,1,4)
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24 Barrows (6)
25 Country house (6)
26 Japanese drama (3)
27 Stick to (6)
28 Locomotives (6)

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FRIDAY PAGE I

Where Caroline is not forgotten

A child's disappearance is a constant nightmare for parents. When the search becomes a murder hunt both police and family face the long, grim process of meticulous investigations. STEWART TENDLER talks to a team of detectives who have been engaged for a year in the hardest of police tasks – *on the trail of a child killer.*

"All children think the world is wonderful", said the slightly, weary, slightly cynical detective-cum-parent seated in the incident room at Leith police station. There was sad agreement among the investigators.

It was a passing comment in a general discussion about children and the dangers they can face, but it carried a particular poignancy in that room. For the past 14 months it has been home for a team of detectives searching for the killer of one and possibly two little girls.

On the wall, a police poster captured a moment in the last known hours of Caroline Hogg on July 8, 1983 – a five-year-old at a children's party, photographed in lilac and white.

A few hours after the photograph was taken she was home in Portobello, a resort near Edinburgh, urging her parents to let her play at a local park.

After 20 minutes, Caroline's worried parents went to look for her. The police were on their way within 50 minutes. Ten days later, on 18 July, her body was found 200 miles south in Leicestershire near a lay-by on the A444 outside Twycross.

Caroline Hogg's death was quickly linked with the murder of Susan Maxwell a year earlier.

Susan, aged 11, also disappeared in July. She was last seen alive in Cornhill-on-Tweed, Northumbria, near her home in Scotland on July 30, 1982. Her body was found on the A518 between Uttoxeter and Stafford 13 days later.

The four chief constables involved decided there were grounds for connecting the two.

A cross-border investigation was started, drawing together officers from Lothian, Northumbria, Stafford and Leicester. Mr Hector Clark, assistant chief constable of Northumbria, became "managing director", supported by detective chief superintendents dealing with individual aspects.

On the Friday evening the squat, greystone Leith police station, once the local town hall, was handling a missing child investigation. Ten days later the case was a national [illegible] inquiry.

In any case involving [illegible] children, the police try to build a close relationship with the family. Detectives require a considerable amount of information and the family may need to be protected from the public or the press.

Senior officers recruit a mature officer, usually a woman, to stay with the family in the first few weeks. While a child is missing the police remain open-minded in their dealings with the parents. "You can't suggest anything has befallen the child. It is not unknown for people to abduct and keep children", said one officer.

In time the police withdraw their constant presence at the house. In the early days the parents are given a daily breakdown of police activity, but reports are then given on a monthly basis, with occasional visits to clear up details still outstanding.

In the vacuum between the loss and the discovery, officers were often at the Hogg home. "I remember Mrs Hogg saying 'when we get her back,'", said one detective who knew that in most cases after 24 or 48 hours, a child of that age is probably dead.

Negligent parents are no surprise to experienced police officers, and what made the Caroline Hogg case worse for *them was the realization that* the Hoggs were caring and conscientious with their child. On the evening they saw her for the last time she had begged her parents to be allowed outside to play and they relented.

At the station, chaos developed. In the words of one veteran: "The telephone lines never stopped ringing. It was a



Search centre: the Leith operations room

[illegible] height, 20 [illegible] ing from the [illegible]

A huge administration [illegible] handled the processing [illegible] messages. [illegible] Another group worked on the streets following up the information. The inquiry soon reached the stage where [illegible] administration team was formed to handle the real "administration" of work rotas and holidays.

There were other incident rooms at Leicester, Uttoxeter in Staffordshire and Ponteland in Northumbria but by now the Susan Maxwell case was a year old. Hope centred on Caroline [illegible] not see her and [illegible] of someone [illegible] like her or a man thought to have been with her.

At 7.50 [illegible] with a man at a leisure centre 300 yards from her home. The last sighting at 9.40 pm is in pink. A driver on the A697 near Coldstream saw a girl looking like Caroline in the back of a blue Ford Cortina and the driver resembled the description of the man seen with the little girl in the leisure centre. In the past [illegible] months some [illegible] people [illegible] than [illegible] been [illegible]

The [illegible]

More [illegible] have been [illegible] "suggestions" [illegible] ward as possible [illegible] been interviewed.

The inquiry [illegible] computer which has been [illegible]



In moments of doubt or depression, one police officer simply looks at the little girl, then at pictures of the unrecognizable body found 10 days later

[illegible] hoping [illegible] day. Nine [illegible] watching [illegible] were [illegible] in the Portobello area.

It is said of police officers that offences against children are always given greater priority than many other forms of crime. The sort of information collected at Leith has helped drive what is now a dwindling team of less than 60 officers.

The incident rooms in England are closed. At Leith, one detective said that in moments of doubt or depression he simply looked at the little girl in the party dress and then at the pictures taken of an unrecognizable body 10 days later.

The telephone numbers the public are asked to call with information ring infrequently these days, but there is plenty of evidence of the earlier activity. The keyboards on the computer VDUs have become scuffed and dirty from usage; the carousels of ring-folders holding the statements are now over six feet high.

"We have had our highs", said one officer. The best suspect proved to have an unshakeable alibi. Fritz Witte, the West German tourist interviewed at one stage, is now dismissed as irrelevant.

[illegible] straying and [illegible] Twycross the day [illegible] vanished were [illegible] and daughter [illegible]

inquiry is finished; it can go no further. The Caroline Hogg case is "still alive but only just". He still cannot say [illegible] two girls were [illegible] by the same murderer. [illegible]

This leaves two frightening equations. If one man killed both children it is very likely he will kill again. If the deaths are not connected there are two murderers who may each kill again.

Leith investigations will continue a little longer. There are 800 more Cortinas to find, another 400 suspects to look at. Perhaps they will produce results, but most officers feel their target will come with a telephone call.

It may be nothing more than an attempt to approach a child which is reported to the police and leads to an arrest. The telephone may ring at Leith and someone will say: "We have a man here you might be interested in . . ."

[illegible] on the head made me a VIP

FIRST PERSON

Judy Miles

For years I [illegible] with Supercyst [illegible] neatly on top of my [illegible] like a ping-pong [illegible] stranded in long grass [illegible] gradually expanded until [illegible] stood out from the surrounding [illegible]

[illegible] on your face [illegible] years, several [illegible] different [illegible] I was finally [illegible] to take it along to the [illegible] of the local hospital. After a long wait [illegible]

[illegible] sit down," he [illegible] in courteous [illegible] for having kept me [illegible]

"But it's beautiful! Really beautiful!" he exclaimed. "What [illegible] magnificent specimen! [illegible] example! Would you excuse me for a moment? Gather round, girls, and when I get back I shall want to hear your diagnosis." Springing from his chair, overall and stethoscope flying, he dashed from the room and the two acolytes pored over my scalp uttering exclamations of wonderment.

"It's only a sebaceous cyst", I said deprecatingly, "hardly a medical breakthrough, nothing to set the Thames on fire."

But before they could reply Dr Chu came bounding back, with a big blond Anglo-Saxon also similarly attired in white overalls and medical accessories, lumbering in his wake.

"There", trumpeted Dr Chu, seizing my head in both hands and giving it a good yank to obtain the desired angle for maximum effect. "Just look at that! Isn't it superb?"

Big Blond, suitably dumfounded expelled a long hiss of reverent astonishment as he hovered over my cranium. "My [illegible]! It's terrific!" he breathed. "Beautiful! Quite beautiful! I say", he said to Dr Chu, suddenly struck by [illegible] thought, "what a [illegible] pity we can't keep this for [illegible] exams, don't you think?"

Dr Chu's face lit up. "Yes, yes indeed", he agreed [illegible]. "An absolute tragedy."

After a few more [illegible] of bemused adoration [illegible] fined by Big Blond [illegible] still emitting short [illegible] astonishment, and [illegible] addressed himself to me. "Now just you sit [illegible] be quiet", he said. "Well [illegible] What's your verdict?"

"A sebaceous cyst", [illegible] replied promptly.

"I told them that", I [illegible] smugly. Dr Chu eyed me with some disfavour. "Did you?" he said. "I see. Well all [illegible]" he pronounced with relish [illegible] little local anaesthetic. Actually I should say quite a lot of local anaesthetic. A little [illegible] perhaps . . . but no . . . I should think a local would do it."

I didn't altogether like the sound of this. Was he sure, I asked, that a "local" would suffice.

"Oh yes", Dr Chu assured me. "There's really no risk attached at all – such a shame!"

"I beg your pardon?"

"Such a shame to lose it, of course! If only we could have kept it for the B-Meds!" He looked quite depressed.

"Well", I said, "how about decapitating me and preserving my head in alcohol?"

The doctor shook his head sadly. "It wouldn't be any good. It wouldn't talk you see". He heaved a sigh. "Oh well . . . I shall write to you".

So now I await the day of reckoning when I shall be returned cystless to the world of the socially acceptable. But to Dr Chu and Big Blond, of course, I shall become a dead loss. No use at all, to B-Meds or anyone else.

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FRIDAY PAGE II

Dear travel agent, please stop the cows staring at me . . .

For the next few weeks, tour operators will be sorting through the annual deluge of complaints. In a year which saw the recurrence of large scale hotel overbooking and a spate of violent muggings in Spain – including the murder on the Costa Brava of Scottish holiday maker David Mathieson – one might have expected these issues to have formed the core of most complaints. Not a bit of it, says Ron Wheal head of customer relations for Thomson Holidays, Britain's biggest holiday company which took more than a million abroad this summer. "Holidaymakers are complaining about petty, silly little things." Such as? "The fact that their hotel is next to a road. How do they get to their hotel if it's not next to a road?"

But the greatest trouble for Thomson clients this year, it seems, has been the behaviour of fellow holidaymakers – and rowdy British youths have been disturbing the peace all over Spain this summer from Benidorm to Ibiza.

Mr Wheal said if someone really wanted action over a spoilt holiday, "they should try to sort it out with a holiday company representative there and then".

Perhaps one of the most common grievances is that the holiday fails to live up to the brochure promises. A family from Berkshire with two young children were attracted by a two-week package in a three star hotel that was described as "friendly", and "particularly suitable for families with children". It offered "cots, baby minding, high chairs and early suppers". When they arrived, the hotel was not up to three star standard, the staff were rude and the promised facilities for children practically non-existent.

The Which? Personal Service, which subsequently took up the claim, maintained that not only were the expressed terms (those spelt out in the brochure) not met, but an implied, unwritten term, present in all holiday contracts, that the accommodation will be "reasonable" was not fulfilled either. An initial complaint sent to the holiday company by the family was ans[illegible]

[illegible]

... try ... that tou[illegible] ... has increased ... amount of co[illegible] offered to claim[illegible] accept this [illegible] which amounts to [illegible] or £30. Don't [illegible] claim – hold out [illegible] what you're asking for.

Frank Barrett



Still turning heads at 50, Brigitte Bardot pictured near her home

Bardot at fifty–happy but afraid

Diana Geddes on how the still beautiful former sex goddess mourns the fact that she feels 16 but is growing old

With her unmistakable pout and jutting breasts, she looks down on many a dull town hall meeting, immortalized as Marianne, the emblem of post-revolutionary France.

Brigitte Bardot was more than just a goddess. For a war-weary generation, she came to personify a new, liberated, sun-soaked, care-free France. The powers that be accepted that, and gave their permission for her to be used as the model for a new Marianne.

Today she is 50, and from a distance looks pretty much the same as she did 30 years ago – the same mane of long blonde hair (dyed, as she is a brunette), the same skin-tight jeans and heavily mascarared eyes. She still attracts many an admiring glance, but no longer sees herself as sex symbol, nor makes any effort to embellish herself. The cosmetic surgery or gruelling aerobic exercises of other aging stars are not for her. She simply wants to be what she is.

Yet she hates growing old. It frightens her. "What does it feel like to be about to be 50?", she was asked in a recent, rare, interview in *Paris Match*. "It makes me want to puke!" she replied with a laugh.

"It's really difficult growing old. People who say 'It's marvellous to be 50', must be mad! I've got the temperament of a young girl. I dance, I play the guitar, and I feel as if I'm 16, but my face doesn't fit . . . It's not only the end of youth which gets me. It's the beginning of all the problems with one's health – I who have never been ill." And in another ten years? "It will be worse. I'll be 60, and prefer not to think about that."

With the exception two years ago of a three-hour television documentary on her life, it's been 11 years since BB last agreed to make a film. Since then she has lived more or less as a recluse in her house at St Tropez, on the French Riviera, devoting her life to the defence of animals. Yet the legend lives on.

In a recent poll, where people were asked which women they thought had done most for the image of France, Brigitte Bardot was placed second overall, after Mme Simone Veil, and was actually the first choice of young people in the 18-24 age group. Yet she was never considered a good actress, and her private life was frankly a mess, as she herself admits.

It was what she represented that was important. She did for France what the Beatles did for Britain, only she started earlier. She was 14 when her picture first appeared on the cover of *Elle* magazine. That was in 1948. It was still only 1952 when she married her first husband, Roger Vadim, who was to turn her into a world-famous star with his film *And God Created Woman* in 1956.

Her era of glory coincided with a rediscovered sense of national greatness and optimism under De Gaulle, before the "events" of May 1968 and the economic recession of the 1970s. She

'A hundred fantastic letters cannot replace the arms of a man who holds you tight'

was adored, and detested, and plagued by *Paparazzi*. One British journalist wrote at the time: "BB is the greatest shock suffered by the French since the 1789 revolution."

What is life like at 50 for such an idol? She has no regrets about the passing of her stardom. She now hates the vanities and the vulgarities of the Hollywood world. She claims that she is happier than she was, because she has now finally got what she wants: peace. But she is still subject to terrible depressions, and rumours of another possible suicide attempt were rife last year when she mysteriously cancelled her 49th birthday celebrations at the last minute, and later turned up in hospital.

In the interview with *Paris Match*, she says that she sometimes feels she just has not got the strength to go on. "Sometimes I find myself crying alone in bed at night. A hundred fantastic letters cannot replace the arms of a man who holds you tight and says: 'Go on, Brigitte!' I need warmth and physical encouragement as well. It's difficult. I cry all day . . . it happens quite often, and then I pick myself up again . . .

"I have been very happy, very rich, very beautiful, much adulated, very famous, and very unhappy. I've been let down too often. I've had really terrible disappointments in my life. That is why I've chosen to withdraw, to live alone . . . I sometimes dream about another great love affair, but such things don't happen to me any more. I don't expect anything, otherwise I'll only be disappointed again . . .

"Men are more concerned with other things now than their feelings for a woman. They no longer want to be responsible for someone, but when two people live together, they must be responsible for the person they live with. Women have wanted too much to rid themselves of men. Long live Women's Lib! Now, they are alone . . .

"A woman is made to make the life of a man happy, not to work all day and then make hasty deep frozen meals in the evening before settling down in front of the television. A woman is made to arrange vases of flowers, to prepare good-smelling soups, and to create a beautiful home. Work, OK, but not at any price. Money and the television are the two great scourges of modern society. No one talks to one another any more."

In that interview, Brigitte Bardot explains that she has turned to animals because of her disillusionment with life and men. But in another less gloomy article on Bardot, published in *Paris Match* earlier this month, Roger Vadim reports a recent conversation with his ex-wife in which she talks about what Vadim refers to as, "the man she shares her life with and has known for several years," of whom she reportedly says: "I get on better and better with him. There is a kind of gentleness I've never known before."

Brigitte Bardot's campaign in defence of animals is not just a dilettante escapism. It is more even than a vocation, she says it is a passion, based on a life-long love of animals. When

'I've been very rich, very beautiful, much adulated, very famous . . . and very unhappy'

she first began filming, it was always her ambition to earn enough money so as to be able to buy a farm where no animal was killed, she says.

A vegetarian, she now lives with 60 cats and 11 dogs, most of them abandoned strays which she has taken in; a goat bought from a market where they were being sold strung up by their hind legs; and a foal saved from the slaughter house. The local children call her the "Animal Fairy." But, she says with a rueful smile, she has no magic wand, and therefore has to depend on sheer hard work, badgering ministers, writing thousands of letters, taking part in demonstrations.

President Mitterrand recently wrote to congratulate her on her activities in defence of animals and to invite her to come and see him. She plans to use the occasion to ask him to set up a ministry for animal's rights.

"There's one for women, and they need it much less than animals," she says, adding: "If I could ever say one day that my life has not been entirely useless, it would be thanks to my defence of animals."



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Why Harry went home so early

The Princess of Wales's decision to exchange the reassuring presence of Mr George Pinker and his St Mary's colleagues, who are only a few minutes away across the park from Kensington Palace, for the peace and quiet of rural *Gloucestershire illustrates the changing pattern* of childbirth. In the last 50 years the improvements in the management of pregnancy and labour, particularly with the control of puerperal infection, has meant that the emphasis in midwifery has shifted away from post-natal to ante-natal and even, recently, preconceptual care.

In the early 1930s infection and haemorrhage were still so severe a problem that in the largest maternity hospital in outer London lots were drawn by the junior doctors for the duty of supervising the post-natal wards where, all too frequently, the triumphs of the labour ward were nullified by tragedies during the lying in; by the 1950s *the only emotion which made housemen* reluctant to visit these wards was boredom.

Prince Harry's return to Kensington when a day old, and his move to Gloucestershire within the first week of his life has lent royal support to the present view that when home surroundings are good, and the delivery normal, a mother and baby are better off at home, away from the hazards of antibiotic resistant, or relatively resistant, hospital-bred bacteria.

Over the past few centuries royal deliveries have always led changing social and medical customs. The Georgians thought that midwifery, whether in a palace or a cottage, was woman's work. Queen Charlotte's delivery was undertaken by a team of midwives under the command of a Mrs Draper; although she allowed a number of courtiers and politicians to be present to ensure that the succession was not compromised. The doctor, Mr William Hunter, the father of modern surgery, was kept firmly outside the labour room door.

The first royal birth at which a doctor was in *attendance* was the delivery of Princess Charlotte by Sir Richard Croft. The occasion was not a success. The labour lasted for days, leading to a 12 hour second stage, the pushing stage which by standards even then was extremely long. The Princess was so weakened by her ordeal that she was unable to expel the placenta, which in consequence had to be removed manually by Sir Richard. Unfortunately in doing so he perforated the womb. The mother and baby died.

Without this disaster Queen Victoria, who by popularizing the use of anaesthesia in childbirth, *maintained the royal family's tradition of being* obstetric fashion setters, would have been unlikely ever to have come to the throne.



Off to the country: Diana and baby

A knockout disease

Nobody can doubt that Mohammed Ali has troubles with his central nervous system. The quick footwork, lightning punch and the crackling wit have given way to a shuffling gait, slow movements, a laboured speech and a paucity of facial expression. The premature *deterioration* in his health has been ascribed to the years of battering his brain has had to withstand in the boxing ring, but a prominent American neurologist now says that his real problem is Parkinson's disease.

The disease is caused by the gradual but progressive loss of nerve cells in a part of the brain known as the substantia nigra. In the 1960s Swedish doctors showed that these cells produce the neurotransmitter, dopamine; when there is a lack of this chemical malfunction of the brain gives rise to the signs and symptoms of Parkinson's disease. Why it occurs is unknown, but other *diseases* can cause incidental damage to the *substantia nigra*; and the problem is more accurately described as Parkinsonism.

It is therefore possible that both the neurologist and the anti-boxing lobby are right and that Mohammed Ali's substantia nigra has, in common with many other parts of his brain, been damaged by the blows to his head and given rise to Parkinsonism.

The problems of Parkinson's disease can be divided into minor and major symptoms. The front rank symptoms are rigidity, tremor and slowness of movement. [illegible] *its early stages more embarrassing* than disabling.

Perhaps the slowness of movement, or *hypokinesia*, is the most distressing of the three front rank symptoms because it produces the expressionless face so easily mistaken for stupidity, and disabling because it prevents fine movements with the hand which are needed for writing, dressing, or even turning the pages of a book. Speech is altered too – it becomes slow; and the voice soft and monotonous.

The minor symptoms cause, among other things, difficulty in walking, depression, sleeplessness, extreme tiredness and constipation.

The American neurologist was optimistic about treatment for Mohammed Ali which has improved immeasurably since the second world war when, soon after the discovery that dopamine lack was responsible for the symptoms, [illegible] was the first [illegible] attack. [illegible]

[illegible] *Handbook* by Richard Godwin-Austen, published by Sheldon Press, £3.95.

Ali taking punishment

Take heart

Film and television watchers are familiar with emotion or exercise-related angina being portrayed by a shot of a sufferer frantically hunting through his waistcoat pocket for the silver vinaigrette containing his pain relieving, and possibly life saving, glyceryl trinitrate tablets. Sooner or later in the film he finds them too late and is written out of the cast; perhaps in future the outcome will be different if patients and doctors take heed of the report of The National Heart Foundation, which shows that these tablets, if stored in the relatively warm conditions of an inner pocket start losing their potency after eight weeks. After this time the patient should throw away the supplies from his pocket and restock from tablets stored at home, away from light and at room temperature.

Drivers too, are at risk. Traffic incidents are a notorious inducer of angina but patients with coronary problems have long since discovered that their health is better served by sucking one of the tablets kept close at hand under the dashboard, than by opening the window and shouting at the driver of the other car. Research has shown that the glove pocket [illegible] warm as the waistcoat [illegible] emergency tablets [illegible] carried on the person [illegible] replaced every eight [illegible] take same [illegible] report, giv[illegible] unopened [illegible] years [illegible] should be replaced.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

THE TIMES DIARY

Was Wedgie laced?

Was Tony Benn's mysterious illness midway through Labour's bitter deputy leadership campaign of 1981 the result of an attempt on his life? It is a "very real possibility", claims Sydney Higgins in a new book, *The Benn Inheritance*, and he writes that "that certainly was the view of one of the doctors who treated him" at Charing Cross Hospital. The announced diagnosis was Guillain-Barre Syndrome, he continues, "the effects of which are shared by chronic mercury and arsenic poisoning". At yesterday's launch of the book Higgins refused to identify the doctor involved but said he had seen his written testimony. Benn, sitting beside him, was more circumspect. He had never pursued the matter, he said. The police had never investigated it because he had never reported it, and he didn't think there was anything in it. "If they want to get rid of me they'll get rid of me through British Rail sandwiches," he said, brushing off further questions.

Over and out

The *Daily Mirror*'s political editor of 11 years, Terence Lancaster, resigned yesterday – just days before the start of Labour's Blackpool conference. *Mirror* sources say he refused to be "humiliated" by the changes in editorial policy since Robert Maxwell bought the Mirror group two months ago. Yesterday the *Mirror*'s editor Mike Molloy said Lancaster had quit due to "very bad arthritis," though the paper's political veteran has lived and worked with it for more than 10 years. Lancaster's colleagues say the arthritis is merely a pretext – "He simply didn't like the regime", said one. Lancaster's is the second editorial resignation since Maxwell's arrival: the first was editorial director Tony Miles. Lancaster's successor will be Joe Haines, Harold Wilson's former press secretary, who is now assistant editor.

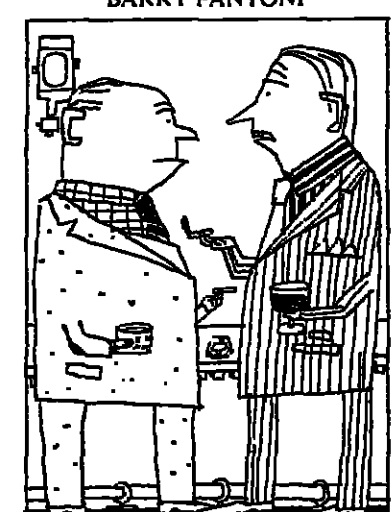
Cubanist

After the news that Arthur Scargill has commissioned paintings of miners' picket lines for NUM headquarters, I hear that Alan Sapper, leader of the ACTT cinema technicians union, is buying three guerrilla warfare paintings by a convicted Cuban spy for his union offices in Soho Square. The artist, Antonio Sanchez, claimed he was a guerrilla in El Salvador before his conviction at the Central Criminal Court in 1982. He is now serving his seven-year sentence in Albany prison, Isle of Wight. The union is paying £250.

Automatic pilot

Brian Bateson, the pilot who trails such banners as "Kremlin Sends Congratulations" over Greenham Common protesters and "Scargill Get Stuffed" over the TUC in Brighton, had no plans to fly any political message along Blackpool's seafront during Labour's conference next week. Not, that is, until he learnt that the local trades council had written to Lancashire's chief constable asking that Bateson be grounded to avoid any breach of the peace. Bateson, suitably riled, is now seeking a particularly provocative message to trail behind his plane.

BARRY FANTONI



'We've put Edward down for Eton and a Hongkong passport'

Job lot

Let us hope Peter Bottomley's first few weeks as Employment Department under-secretary, the job vacated by John Gummer in this month's reshuffle, are everything he hoped. It was in February's Commons debate on low pay that the then backbencher excitedly concurred with a Gummer debating point: "I agree with my Hon Friend. I hope that that agreement with my Hon Friend will help me to get preferments so that I can take his job, which I think I could do half as well as he does – (Hon Members: "Which job?") The unpaid one." Labour MP John Evans immediately pointed out the post is in fact worth £5,000 a year. As they say, you've got to have a dream, or how can you have a dream come true?

Out of step

Simon Hughes, the Liberal MP who, as I reported, unsuccessfully approached 15 bishops to address his Assembly prayer meeting last week, clearly had an even worse time than I thought. When he approached his first choice, the Bishop of Stepney, back in July, the invitation got lost en route. A second invitation went to the bishop's old address, and by the time Hughes learnt he could not make it, the bishop was billed in the Assembly handbook. On reflection, the hapless Hughes was probably better off bishopless: you never know *what* they'll say.

PHS

Blacks: a new rift for Labour

by Anthony Bevins

A tight knot of Militant Tendency supporters stood outside Labour Party headquarters in Southwark this week to encourage Neil Kinnock's resistance to black sections, a constitutional device to give black and Asian party members a distinct and formal voice within the Labour hierarchy. The presence of the Trotskyist comrades, who were themselves black, was a matter of embarrassment for other blacks who had turned up to lobby Labour's national executive committee for action on the issue.

For as one Militant supporter correctly pointed out: "I hope you are going to report in *The Times* that the majority of blacks here are opposed to black sections".

The alliance between Mr Kinnock and Militant Tendency is just one of the uncomfortable ironies of the black sections campaign which will surface again at next week's Labour Party conference in Blackpool.

Mr Russell Profitt, a former Labour parliamentary candidate and chairman of the black sections steering committee, said this week: "Britain's black community – in common with many other disadvantaged groups – is disgusted, if not totally disenchanted, with the general political process of the country, particularly that part of it under the influence and control of the Labour party."

Mr Profitt spoke with some feeling: before the last general election he had been selected as candidate for Battersea North, but when it was merged with Battersea South under boundary changes, the new Battersea constituency party selected Alf Dubs, who is white, as its candidate and future MP.

It would be untrue to suggest, as Militant supporters have done, that the black sections campaign has been created as a vehicle to "provide positions or possibly parliamentary careers for a handful of middle-class blacks".

The fact remains, however, that black voters predominantly support the Labour Party. A survey carried out by the Commission for Racial Equality during the 1979 general election found that, in 24 areas, 90 per cent of Afro-Caribbean and 86 per cent of Asian voters backed Labour, compared with only 50 per cent of whites.

A similar survey for last year's general election found that black support for Labour had fallen by 4 per cent, Asian support by 6 per cent and white support by 7 per cent.

Yet in spite of this tenacious loyalty, there is not one black MP, not one black MEP, not even one black member of Labour's NEC.

Hugh Roberts, a member of the Norwich party and lecturer in politics at the University of East Anglia, says in a tract published this week: "This is not because they are victims of a systematic prejudice ... but because they are newcomers to the party, and like newcomers anywhere, it unavoidably takes time for them to find their feet and make their mark".

Vauxhall Labour Party, which has already recognized its own black section in defiance of instructions from party headquarters, says in another pamphlet published this week: "We recognize that the Labour Party itself perpetuates racism. It is an institution rooted in a racist society and its own routine practices, customs and form of organization exclude black people from the structures of power as effectively as if they were barred from membership."

The black section campaigners want black representation on constituency general committees and executive committees, and it has also been suggested that places should be reserved for blacks on council and parliamentary candidate shortlists, as well as an allocation of seats on the national executive.

Mr Kinnock says that such a move would be segregationist, would lead to bitter argument over the definition of black, and that the existence of women's sections within the party has not resulted in a proportionate increase in the number of women candidates, councillors or MPs.

Militant's Young Socialists pursue the pure line of their tendency: "The task of the Labour Party is to unite workers, not divide them. Labour must counterpose the divisions fostered by capitalism – on the grounds of sex, craft, religion, race – with maximum unity."

The issue may well be forced to a conference vote in Blackpool next Wednesday, because black section campaigners are becoming impatient. Last year's conference stalled on a decision while the national executive considered the problem. Next week, the executive will ask the conference to stall for another year for further consultation, consideration and the "hope" of conclusions.

Meanwhile, the raw politics of the debate is becoming more excited and, possibly, more honest. It is now being said by Labour establishment sources that if black sections were created they would soon become the political creature of the left; Mr Benn and Mr Livingstone have already given their blessing.

But the potential for Labour embarrassment might well make black sections inevitable. If Labour's blacks continually charge their own leadership with racist oppression then that could have its own impact on the black vote. There is a possibility of a black boycott.

Mr Profitt said this week: "Unless real changes are made before the next general election, abstentions could be the order of the day in the 40 or so key marginals where the black vote could make a significant difference, and thus deny Labour the victory we all wish to see."

John Carlin sets the scene for Howe's Central America visit

How Duarte has failed to deliver

San Salvador

The foreign ministers of 12 Western European nations arrive in Costa Rica today to get acquainted with a region considered by President Reagan to be a strategically crucial "backyard" and whose destiny, accordingly, America must set out to control.

Central America's tiniest nation, El Salvador, is also the most politically prized. It is where the whole region's battle between left and right, East and West is being fought most fiercely. The rebel Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN), which receives Soviet-bloc backing, and government troops, financed, trained and almost fully dependent on the US, are in the fifth year of a seemingly endless civil war.

According to President Reagan, if El Salvador falls to the left then Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica and possibly even Mexico will follow. It has therefore become the testing ground for a Reagan policy aimed at maintaining the United States geopolitical grip on Central America.

At loggerheads with these goals at times is the Contadora Group. The group was formed in January 1983 by four Latin American countries bent on finding a political solution to a crisis which they believe has its root in centuries of social injustice. Just over a year ago the presidents of the Contadora four – Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela and Panama – drew up a document of objectives for Central America, putting a premium on a reduction in the arms build-up, and an end to foreign military intervention, as indispensable conditions for a political settlement.

Now Sir Geoffrey Howe and his colleagues from the EEC are to meet the five Central American and four Contadora foreign ministers for two days of talks. Their most obvious shared concern is to defuse a potential escalation of the global East-West conflict.

It will be a priority of this unprecedented meeting to bolster the Contadora peace initiative, generally held to be worthy in its intentions but bereft of political muscle. El Salvador's president, José Napoleon Duarte, had repeatedly pronounced his commitment to the Contadora process. Yet his most far-reaching act since coming to power on June 1 has been to persuade a habitually sceptical American Congress to approve an additional $70m in additional military aid to the Salvadorean armed forces.

Buoyed up by all this American money, the government's war effort is escalating. There are few signs of any imaginative alternative approaches to ending the misery of a country where 50,000 people have died violent deaths in the last five years and one million people, a fifth of the total population, have been driven out of their homes. President Duarte's first four months in office have been a lesson in public relations skills, but a visible inertia in matters of policy is exasperating those who had convinced themselves that the old soldier of Salvadorean politics offered the best hope for an end to the civil war.



Duarte: the case of the disappearing dialogue

Organized labour, the key to Duarte's election victory on May 6, is growing restless while the Roman Catholic Church, eager at first to draw encouragement from the electoral defeat of the extreme right, is now saying peace looks further away than ever. "The war continues to be the daily bread of the Salvadorean people", said one of this month's editions of the Church's weekly newsletter.

Since the May election President Duarte has visited the United States twice, and has been to Britain, France, West Germany and other European countries. He has just returned from a South American tour. Avuncular, earnest, passionate, as the occasion demands, Duarte meets heads of government, speaks before the US Congress and appears on television chat shows. Back home, eager to mollify his traditional opponents – the armed forces and the private sector – he assiduously pays courtesy calls on his army colonels, and opens his doors to the business community.

So far Duarte's energetic self-promotion abroad has netted him the $70m from the US, $18m from West Germany and, symbolically important at least, £100,000 from Britain. This last prompted the rebel FMLN radio station to launch an unusual verbal foray across the Atlantic, calling "the arch-reactionary prime minister of England" a "racist, warmongering violator of international law".

As the money comes in, President Duarte's credibility rises with those who pose the biggest threat to his government's stability. "What Duarte is doing now is consolidating his power", explains a high government official; "He is trying to draw the poison out of the military and the private sector." "No, he's not consolidating, he's not strengthening his power", counters a university academic, "his aim is merely to remain as head of the government."

Duarte is aware that US money offers him his best defence for fending off any attempts to overthrow him and, accordingly, has accommodated himself to Washington's wishes. "The US ambassador has Duarte under his thumb", says businessman Mario Valiente, a leading organizer of Major Roberto d'Aubuisson's extreme-right Republican Nationalist Alliance (Arena) party. "The American embassy here is like a bank that's intervened in a company to which it has lent a lot of money. The company has gone under and the bank has had to take it over".

Before the election Duarte's rhetoric highlighted social injustice and a tradition of government repression as the understandable causes, as he put it, of the FMLN's revolution. Now he has changed his emphasis, talking in the manner of the US State Department, of the FMLN as "an invading army", another manifestation of "the international red peril" he referred to in Venezuela last week.

President Duarte appears set publicly on simplifying the explanation for his country's problems, but the plan he says he has to end the war betrays a more complex grasp of the situation. What he has called his thesis of government, set out before the election, consists of eliminating death squads – clandestine armed forces groups which have accounted for two thirds of the war's victims – and "humanizing" the war, thereby persuading the FMLN fighters to lay down their arms, having convinced them there is no more "oppression" left for them to combat.

Human rights groups have said that "disappearances" and murders carried out by government forces have diminished in recent months. But, they say, the terror networks remain intact.

Meanwhile, there has been verification of reports by the Church that elite American-trained troops have carried out two massacres of civilians since Duarte came to power. More than a hundred people were reported killed, many of them children.

With the arrival of more American helicopters and armaments, army operations have intensified in recent weeks. The net result has tended to increase the number – already half a million – of El Salvador's internal refugees. The pattern of all army operations is for the bulk of FMLN forces to vanish into the mountains while a small rearguard pins down government troops, resulting in many more soldier than guerrilla victims.

The balance of military power is clearly as stalemated as ever. American plans to reduce the FMLN to "a residual insurgency" easily contained, looks a distant goal, as army commanders in the field will tell you.

The Popular Democratic Union (UPD), a centrist labour organization financed in large part by the US with some 400,000 members, gave its full support to Duarte during the electoral campaign. Now UPD has put out an unusually rebellious statement, "demanding" a ceasefire in the war (as the FMLN has proposed to Duarte) and insisting on a dialogue as the only way to rebuild a crippled economy and solve El Salvador's terrible social problems.

Miss Hernandez of the Catholic Church *Human Rights Office* chooses to find hope in the Costa Rica meeting, seeing in it a means to arrest this dismal drift. "The Europeans", she says, "have a great responsibility ... they have a moral duty to put pressure on the United States and President Duarte to find a political solution that will stop the killing of the Salvadorean people."

The European foreign ministers will come to judge, too, whether they have a duty to their own countries in avoiding the prolongation of the conflict in El Salvador. Their Contadora colleagues are sure to point out, as they have done before, that the longer the fighting goes on, the more pronounced the East-West involvement and the higher the stakes, the greater the urgency for Washington's allies to adopt an active intermediary role.

Old wounds reopened, with infants the pawns

Ferlach, Carinthia

At first glance, there would seem to be few sleepier places in Austria than Ferlach, a small town of 5,000 inhabitants beneath the towering snow-capped peaks of the Karawanken Alps. But Ferlach has been torn by bitter controversy, the outcome of which will probably be decided at this Sunday's Carinthian local government elections.

Like many parts of the province, the town has a mixed population of Slovene and German-speaking Austrians. Since the end of the Second World War the Slovene minority in Austria, numbering 35,000, has successfully come to terms with the German-speaking majority. There are bilingual road signs, Slovenes and Germans speak either language in the workplace and, most prized of all, enjoy the right to have their children educated in the same bilingual schools.

Now for the first time this last right, enjoyed by Carinthian Slovenes since the days of the Habsburgs, is threatened. Jurg Haider, the dynamic and charismatic leader of the Carinthian Freedom Party – a political grouping traditionally pan-German – has pledged that should he be reelected this Sunday, he will initiate a "reform" of the bilingual system.

Shortly after this was announced the Carinthian Homeland Front, an extreme pan-German organization which makes no secret of its determination to stamp out bilingual teaching so that "German children can be taught by German teachers", organized a petition to promote separate primary schools. Over 35,000 signed.

Two other political parties, the Socialists and the conservative People's Party, promptly began an undignified scramble for votes by defending less rigidly the concept of bilingual education, which has been enshrined by Austrian law since 1955.

After only a few months, goodwill built up over years in townships like Ferlach has been destroyed. "The atmosphere has been completely poisoned", says Anton Woschitz, headmaster of Ferlach's primary school, where about a hundred children daily receive tuition in Slovene and German.

Dr Woschitz, a quietly spoken man who had to ring three local government departments before being granted permission to talk to a journalist, is convinced that the separation of Slovene and German-speaking children can only reawaken racial antagonism.

The fears of the older generation are understandable. After the First World War, Yugoslav troops occupied Klagenfurt and other parts of the province. Only a plebiscite in 1920, in which 56 per cent of the population voted to be incorporated into the new republic of Austria, silenced Yugoslav claims. After the Second World War, Marshal Tito renewed them, only abandoning the issue when his regime broke with Moscow in the late 1940s.

Today, non-aligned Yugoslavia has long given up attempts to arouse some sort of Slovene irredentism. When the Yugoslav president, Mika Spiljak, visited Austria earlier this year, he told representatives of the Austrian Slovene minority that their affairs were the sole jurisdiction of the Austrian state.

In an attempt to mobilize public opinion against the separatist plan, several parents have flooded local politicians and newspapers with letters. Many, like Frau Elizabeth Rodler from the nearby village of St Michael, are worried that the move would condemn Slovene children to a ghetto – like existence in which they would gradually grow up to be ashamed of their race and language.

Serious doubts have also been raised by lawyers, who point out that separate primary schoolteaching would infringe both Article 6 of the Austrian state treaty which outlaws discrimination on racial, religious or language grounds, and Article 7, which guarantees the right of an elementary education for the Slovene minority.

In a country where a large emigrant population from Yugoslavia and Turkey can all too easily be regarded as second-class citizens; the Slovenes, though rightly proud of their culture, do not wear their nationality on their sleeve. Were Herr Haider to succeed in introducing his ideas, few would rush to stand up and be counted so that their children could be educated in isolation from German-speaking Austrians.

Herr Haider and many other Carinthians say that German-speaking children suffer in schools where part of the class is held in Slovene. This is vehemently denied by Dr Woschitz who says that ministry inspections have proved time and again that the academic record of bilingual schools is just as good as that where only German is spoken.

Whatever the result of this Sunday's election, Herr Haider has unleashed a strain of anti-Slav feeling that many Austrians regard with alarm. . . .

Richard Bassett

David Watt

Blotting out some nuclear facts

"Nuclear winter" has become a fashionable phrase in the disarmament debate this year and the screening of *The Eighth Day* on television the other night has put it on the wider political map.

Having been one of the first people to write about this issue in this country and to proclaim its importance, I can honestly say that all this discussion is very welcome. On the other hand, as usual with a new idea, the whole thing has been accepted with wildly uncritical enthusiasm by a lot of people who ought to know better.

It is crucial to be clear that the scientists are still putting forward a chain of unproved hypotheses, every link of which is speculative and which only several years of painstaking research will verify or discard. Everyone now knows the supposed conclusion of this chain, namely that in the aftermath of a large-scale nuclear war the smoke and soot thrown up into the atmosphere by burning cities would create a sun-proof blanket over the northern hemisphere, causing temperatures to drop to sub-freezing levels for many months, photosynthesis to cease and darkness and famine to stalk every nation.

Very few people seem to recognize the complexity of the preconditions necessary to produce this state of affairs;

- The nuclear exchange must be large enough to produce at least 1,000 huge conflagrations in built-up areas. This requirement depends, in turn, on the targeting strategies of the superpowers as well as on the weather at the time of the attacks – both very variable factors.
- The fires, once started, must generate a very large quantity of soot particles. It has been assumed that 10 to the power of 14 grams of small black particles would be produced by fires on the scale supposed; but it is not proved and in any case calculations are made difficult because fire conditions would vary widely.
- Very considerable amounts of this soot would have to reach high altitudes, for if it did not, rain and wind would soon disperse it. Forest fires, which produce about a third as much smoke in a year as the nuclear war is supposed to create, do not usually inject it into high altitudes. Big city fires might well be different, but just how different nobody knows.
- If the smoke did get to high altitudes, it is not at all certain how it would spread. Assumptions have been made on the basis of what we know about high altitude winds, but it is probable that the presence of the particles on a big scale would cause changes in the wind patterns. What these changes might be, is still not well understood.

It is certainly possible that all these assumptions will turn out according to present theories. Research should clear up many uncertainties, though it will never remove them entirely. Meanwhile it is irresponsible to raise people's hopes on rickety foundations.

I say "hopes" because, as everyone has realized, the whole thesis, if true, appears to make nuclear weapons unusable. We do not have to worry about Star Wars and other elaborate ways of defending ourselves. If the attacker knows that his attack will eventually envelop his own country in a nuclear winter whether his opponent retaliates or not, he will never press the button.

Moreover this argument is even stronger than it looks at first sight, because it is not necessary for the nuclear winter thesis to be *absolutely* certain in order for it to have its effect. As in the case of nuclear deterrence itself, it is enough that decision-makers should believe that there is a reasonable probability that something unpleasant will happen, for then they will not take the risk.

But here, too, great caution is necessary. The more one thinks about it, the more one sees that the nuclear winter hypothesis is not necessarily the answer to the nuclear disarmer's prayer. In the first place, it does not do away with the necessity of possessing nuclear arms of some kind, so long as one's opponent possesses them. This can easily be seen if you imagine a situation in which the Soviet Union has one deliverable hydrogen bomb and the West has none. The Russians then have the capacity to blow up New York, and because the consequences of such an act would be far below the nuclear winter threshold, the threat would be real

By the same token, nuclear winter does not affect the Gaddafi, Galtieri, Gandhi problem, for all the Third World countries who possess or are working to possess nuclear weapons know that the scale of their nuclear operations will remain irrelevant to the actual fate of the planet for many years.

All one can say on this point is that the nuclear winter theory, if proved, would make unnecessary vast arsenals of nuclear weapons and that, if, as scientists hypothesize, 100-megatons of nuclear explosion would produce this calamity, the most that either superpower would need to hold would be 50 megatons minus one. Beneath the 100 megaton level, parity would be required in order to prevent one's opponent being able to let off more bombs on one's territory than one could on his, before bringing on the nuclear winter.

An important aspect of this point is that it allows tactical or battlefield nuclear weapons a role, and therefore leaves many of the familiar arguments about escalation and "no first use" virtually untouched. Nato can still invest in nuclear artillery in order to avoid the cost of conventional forces, knowing that a limited nuclear war in Europe would not have wintry consequences. If such a war escalated to intermediate-range missiles the threshold might be crossed – and in the confusion of an escalating nuclear exchange, that danger would be very high. But this consideration might not be enough to prevent either side taking the first step on the escalation ladder – a step which in itself, would be far short of the global catastrophe of *The Eighth Day*.

It follows from this that the point made by George Walden in the programme – that nuclear-free zones do not make much sense in the nuclear winter context – is wrong. Efforts to eliminate tactical nuclear weapons in Central Europe would still be relevant. On the other hand the Labour Party should be aware that this same context makes it more certain than ever before that neutralism would be no guarantee of survival.

Philip Howard

A one-upman in the soup

OK, Terence: we know, we know. *Homo sum: humani nil a me alienum puto.* I am, a journo, and therefore I take an interest in everything anybody does. But only up to a certain extent, dear boy. I am afraid that I have no time left to learn Russian so as to be able to read Dostoevsky in the original; still less time to learn Old Norse so as to read the *Edda*. I see no necessity to have my palm read, or go to watch ice dancing. If we bring back public hanging, I am not going to watch it, not even to campaign against it as Dickens did in his thunderbus letter to *The Times* after watching the execution of the Mannings: "A sight so inconceivably awful as the wickedness and levity of the immense crowd collected at that execution this morning could be imagined by no man, and could be presented in no heathen land under the sun."

Sorry, Terence; but hanging is out. And so, I am afraid, is fashion. Life is simply too short to pay that amount of attention to what one covers one's nakedness with. Fashion writers take an unrealistic view of life. At crack of dawn, with Jamie breaking eggs on to the rings of the cooker, and the beagles defecating on the kitchen floor, there is not time to make a judicious selection of kit and accessories. If one gets a pair of socks that roughly match, and a shirt that is not a collage of yesterday's meals, one is winning. I cannot be bothered to read the rubbish that assumes that we each have a levée and a purse as elaborate as those of the Sun King.

Cooking is out too: not the basic process, but the treatment of cooking as an art form, with a continual neurotic search for new ways of spoiling good food with bad messes. I enjoy cooking, and have a wide repertoire of recipes, ranging from scrambled eggs and sauce Béarnaise (much the same sort of thing, really) to Chicken Marengo with a soupçon of basil for special occasions. I do not wish to experiment, to exchange recipes, or to read about cooking. The thing to do with food is cook it, eat it, wash up, and shut up about it.

With these robust (or philistine) views on the subject, it came as something of a surprise that for some years I wrote a gourmet wine and food column for the *Glasgow Herald*, God bless her, and all who write in her. It is the kind of thing that happens in the little disturbances of journalism. It seemed unpersuasive to write the pieces under my own name, so I signed them with the pseudonym Erisichthon, in a spot of classical allusion one-upmanship. You remember the chappy? A Thessalian rough eater. He offended Ceres by chopping down her sacred trees. She cursed him with insatiable hunger. To get money for the groceries, he sold everything, including his daughter, over and over again. Daughter always came home, because she could metapmorphose into any shape, a useful present from her lover, Neptune. Eventually Erisichthom became so ravenous that he was driven to autophagy, and fed himself by chomping his own body.

There are references to the greedy old fellow in English literature: in Crashaw's *Sospetto d'Herode*, and in Phineas Fletcher's *Purple Island*, his allegorical poem on the human body, which is, no doubt, on all your bedside tables.

Erisichthon's gourmet browsing and sluicing column was long on colour writing, but short on consumer service. I wrote prose poems about the new French wines, or the virtues of strawberries in season, for a city that in those days preferred whisky and pies. I published recipes only when some Glaswegian Mrs Beeton bothered to send one in to me. And I never tried the foul formulae out myself.

One December Erisichthon published with much puffing and falderal a recipe for Cold Duck Soup that somebody had sent me. The ingredients, which make me shudder in retrospect, included Knorr chicken cubes, orange juice, and white wine. A Kelvinside matron wrote in the next week to say she had planned her whole Christmas dinner around this Cold Duck Soup, and I had ruined her Christmas. It was about then that Erisichthon decided to hang up his skillet and corkscrew. I am a journo: I take an interest in almost everything.

TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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CATCHING THE TIDE

If nothing else, the annual IMF meetings serve as milestones along the passage of world economic history. This year's meetings, just ended in Washington, were clearly intended to mark a transition to phase three of the international debt crisis. The first and second phases were characterized by financial emergency and frantic damage limitation. Now, it is hoped, the world can look forward to the resumption of steady growth in the developing world, of the kind that can float bankers and borrowers alike off the rocks of insolvency.

Has the tide really turned? In Washington, both the IMF and World Bank were staunchly reporting a remarkable improvement in the performance of both the developed and the developing world. The rich have grown more strongly than expected. The poor have cut their balance of payments deficits faster than anyone forecast. At first, most of the cutback came through lower imports, at some cost to their domestic economies (to say nothing of producers in the industrial world). But this year we have, for the first time since the 1980 recession, a real rise in income per head in the developing world.

The system – depending on IMF adjustment programmes as the key to new money – has, just, held together. Even Argentina has finally signed a memorandum of agreement with the IMF, though sceptics doubt it will stick to the programme. To mark what they hope is the debtors' transfer from casualty ward to convalescence, the industrial governments which dominate the IMF have modestly trimmed its lending limits without causing any confrontation with the developing world. Instead, the developing countries have agreed to the summit they have been demanding taking the undramatic form of special meetings of the top committees of the IMF and the World Bank.

International eyesight is being adjusted from the next step to the near horizon. Debt rescheduling is being developed to take care, not just of the coming twelve months, but of the next four or five years. Changes which can only take effect slowly, like a switch to private equity finance from excessive reliance on bank debt, are being urged on developing countries and gradually stimulated. The role of the international institutions themselves is, rightly, being reappraised.

But there has been almost a conspiracy of silence on the dangers ahead. Both the IMF and the World Bank have, indeed, uttered specific warnings: the IMF continues to bleat for convergent economic policies and controlled budgets, plus "structural" adjustment in advanced economies – all of which is Imperial code for a request to the United States to cut its deficit and Europe to improve its labour markets. The World Bank has issued a scarifying report on the intractable disasters of sub-Saharan Africa, where starvation and persistent economic failure are inextricably linked.

But national institutions find it congenitally difficult to forecast recession. The economic river is still tidal. The business cycle has not, as even Mr Nigel Lawson admits, been abolished. The stronger-than-expected recovery celebrated by almost every speaker at these meetings may reverse itself next year – what then happens to the long-term plans of creditors and borrowers?

Growth in industrial world demand is critical to the developing world. But President Reagan is only half right in his claim that the developing world has gained more from American growth than it has lost from American interest rates. To claim that higher interest rates have been compensated for by higher export sales is like telling a man not to complain about bigger mortgage payments, since he has been allowed to work overtime to earn the extra money. Provided interest rates fall sharply, and the world growth rate only modestly, the developing countries can maintain and even improve their debt service, and the strains of rescheduling can be eased.

Provided, that is, world markets remain open. Thus the Americans are more than half-right in taking up the cause of a new round of trade negotiations. The European objection, that there is still plenty for existing working parties to do, may be sound – but it ignores the need for a fresh impetus to the struggle against protectionism.

Such an impetus is needed, in America, in Europe, in the developing world itself. Rescheduled debts still have to be serviced – it is pointless shovelling new loans into countries which cannot earn the interest costs. There is a real danger of commercial bankers congratulating themselves on translating one impossible loan book into another. This danger is accentuated by the risks of a more serious recession. If interest rates prove sticky while growth slows – if unemployment in the industrial world begins to accelerate at just the moment when the major debtor countries reach a new peak in their rescheduling needs – then the ebb economic tide, which was successfully negotiated in the early 1980s, will leave the world financial system well and truly on the rocks.

PROTECTING THE CHURCHES

Addressing the Friends of Friendless Churches last night, a band of brothers that has come to the rescue of a fair number of otherwise lost causes, the Marquess of Anglesey argued for the abolition of the ecclesiastical exemption from listed building control. The exemption goes back to 1913 when government began to fashion protective controls for ancient monuments. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Randall Davidson, pleaded that the Church of England be exempt from secular control over any of its buildings used for worship and pledged the church to look after them itself and improve its arrangements for doing so.

The exemption lasted through later legislation. It does not apply to ordinary town and country planning controls (new building, extensions, alterations of appearance), but it does apply to the special controls for buildings of high architectural quality or historical interest. Churches are listed – 20,000 of them – but so long as they are in use as churches they escape the controls that normally follow from listing.

Virtually all the ecclesiastical buildings that the 1913 legislation would have covered at the time belonged to the Church of England. Extensive listing, the passage of time and changes in taste have brought many dissenting churches and chapels into the net. It has been thought proper to put other churches on the same footing as the Church of England in this respect, although none of them has comparable formal procedures for vetting alterations.

That is now part of the problem; and the problem has come to the surface because the inclusion since 1977 of churches in use in the distribution of public funds for the restoration of historic buildings (£20 million so far) alters the basis on which the ecclesiastical exemption was originally granted; and because public opinion has become increasingly sensitive to breakages in the "heritage" china shop. The Department of the Environment accordingly issued a consultation paper earlier this year inviting comments on the question of change versus the status quo. It is now digesting the replies.

There is a presumption in favour of retaining the ecclesiastical exemption, at least as respects the Church of England. The church has in being a system of control of which the main elements are the judicial process for granting faculties (permission to make physical changes), diocesan advisory committees, and the cathedrals advisory commission. There is much experience and expertise embodied in the system, and the system is about to be strengthened in ways already decided. Its record from the point of view of conservation is not such as to undermine confidence in it. On the contrary, it is no more prone to avoidable calamities than is the listed building control of secular buildings.

The faculty jurisdiction has a wider reference (including furnishings and movable objects) and takes in wider considerations (including conformity to canon law) than does the planning apparatus of local government. It would therefore remain in place even if full listed building controls were made to apply to churches. There would then be duplication, something to be avoided if possible.

The amazing exertions of local congregations in the upkeep of the Church of England's unparalleled architectural patrimony and the success of wider appeals in the case of major church buildings cannot be unconnected with the fact that the church has sole responsibility in the matter. Give the state control of what may be done to church buildings, and the state may well find that it has to provide more of the means for doing what has to be done: an unwelcome conclusion.

Alterations to the interior of a church are often prompted by liturgical requirements, or by changes in the social practices of the church community. It is not appropriate that these issues, especially liturgical, should be subject to decision by a secular tribunal set up for another purpose. That would qualify the right to freedom of worship, something for which very strong justification would have to be shown. There can be detected in some of the pressure for supplanting ecclesiastical with lay control the disgruntlement of churchmen who do not like the turn their communions have taken and look to secular authority as a way of putting a bridle on it. Secular authority should be wary of those blandishments.

These reasons have to do with autonomy and the proper distinction between civil regulation and ecclesiastical order. They validate the exemption even at some cost (though the cost need not be significant) to the integrity of the "heritage".

That is not to say that the present arrangements should remain exactly as they are. Any listed church which falls out of use and becomes a candidate for demolition should lose the exemption: at present Anglican churches made redundant under the Pastoral Measure do not. Partial demolition – Victorian inner city churches from which community and congregation have ebbed are much at risk – should perhaps be made subject to listed building consent at the discretion of the Secretary of State. Grants should continue to be given only on condition that the planning authorities are consulted about any future alterations to the building. And the position of churches other than the Church of England needs to be reconsidered.

It is best that they should continue to enjoy parity of treatment, but that will require rather more effort on their part. They do not have internal controls comparable to the Church of England's faculty jurisdiction. They have not the resources, nor does the number of their listed buildings call for anything so elaborate. Nevertheless they can reasonably be required to adopt procedures that satisfy these three requirements: that the architectural, aesthetic and historical implications of any proposal for alteration are thoroughly examined and plainly put; that there is an open forum for their consideration, with time and opportunity for expert views and public feelings to be registered; and that the ecclesiastical authorities in each communion demonstrate that they attach proper weight to that side of the argument. It would be easier for the smaller churches to manage that if the Churches Main Committee, say, was able to provide "common services" of a professional kind.

The cause of death

From Dr P. D. Oldham

Sir, Dr Wales (September 20) suggests that death certificates are intended to fulfil the epidemiological function of recording those diseases which affected the deceased in life, as well as fulfilling their legal function.

This is not so. A moment's thought makes it clear that no practitioner could hope to produce such a record, and indeed the disorders to be inserted on the medical certificate of cause of death are specifically restricted to those forming part of the chain of events which led to death (section I), and those, not part of the chain, that contributed to the death (section II).

There is no provision for recording conditions which were present but which were thought not to contribute. Thus, unless Dr Wales thinks that sufferers from diabetes always die because of their diabetes, the results he quotes suggest that some practitioners, at least, follow the instructions faithfully.

I have long thought that provision should be made on the certificate (perhaps a section III) for recording conditions present but irrelevant to the cause of death, for fear that they may otherwise be recorded, misleadingly, as if relevant. Diabetes is an excellent example and so, in many cases, are chronic disorders such as occupational lung diseases.

The role of this section III would be to help purify from irrelevancies the statistics of cause of death, not to provide a summary of the deceased's medical history. Such a change might well be acceptable to Parliament, unlike any changes which involved an attempt at official recording of further background information.

I am Sir, your obedient servant,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Privilege and the Durban six

From Mr John A. Broom

Sir, While everyone exults in the discomfiture of the South African Government over the Durban six, it has been conveniently forgotten that the British Government is supposed to be leading a worldwide campaign against abuse of diplomatic privilege.

If anyone doubts that what is happening at Durban is just such an abuse, let us consider what our attitude would be to, say, the Nigerian Embassy in London offering refuge to six British citizens wanted for questioning in connection with a civil disturbance in Brixton, or perhaps Maltby. We would, of course, be outraged.

The Durban affair, therefore, is doubly unfortunate in that it not only represents a gross insult to the South African Government, but also is a clear lesson to the Libyas of this world that the British Government is only serious about abuse of diplomatic privilege when and where it hurts the British and not as a matter of reciprocity, let alone principle.

Yours faithfully,
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Jobs for Britain

From Mr Peter Jay

Sir, May we be told who speaks for Britain?

Mr Lawson, in his warning about jobs, said that there was little prospect of reversing the trend of unemployment unless growth in real wages was decisively moderated.– *The Times*, September 26, p1.

or

The Government's immigration laws are helping Britain's unemployment problems by keeping out nearly 5,700 foreign job-hunters every year, the European Court of Human Rights was told yesterday. Lord Rawlinson, QC, for the Government told the court in Strasbourg that that was justification for any differences between the treatment of men and women immigrants entering Britain.– *The Times*, September 26, p2.

Both cannot be true since, according to the market principles the Government upholds, cheap job-hungry labour, whether immigrant or not, is overwhelmingly the most powerful force for decisively moderating the growth in real wages. Wake up, HMG!

Yours etc,
PETER JAY,
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Graduate recruitment

From the Principal of the London Business School

Sir, Your headline, "Business graduates out of fashion", above your September 15 article based on a recent Harbridge House Europe report is somewhat out of gear (to mix metaphors) with the experience of this school.

All the usual yardsticks bear this out. The quantity and quality of applicants measured by intellectual attainments and postgraduate experience are high; job offers at the end of the programme are more than satisfactory in terms of salary and job responsibility, as well as the range of companies who recruit from the school (some 400 over the past 10 years).

What complaints we receive are generally more along the lines of the difficulty companies have in recruiting in any particular year because, after allowing for sponsored graduates and those returning overseas, only some 80 or so are available for the UK market.

You quote LBS salaries and suggest they are modest in comparison with Harvard – a world leader against whom we are very willing to be judged. However, the salaries quoted are basically domestic salaries for LBS graduates employed in the UK and for Harvard graduates employed in the USA.

LBS salaries for 1983 graduates who were employed abroad are a better comparator and are some 40 per cent higher than for the UK, which narrows the gap considerably, particularly when it is borne in mind that USA managerial salaries generally are considerably higher than in the UK.

We at LBS are not complacent and aim to serve the British economy where skills are most needed. We operate in a market economy and would not wish otherwise. Hence, whilst we insist that all our graduates acquire from us a broad managerial education before specialization is allowed, the choice for the latter is primarily market driven and will thus vary from time to time with the changing structure of the economy.

Yours faithfully,
P. G. MOORE, Principal,
London Business School,
Sussex Place, Regent's Park, NW1.

Time to settle the gallery question

From the President of the Royal Institute of British Architects

Sir, Sir James Richards (September 24) is right to comment that the nation ought to be able to afford to house its art treasures without commercial sponsorship. But that is not the issue now. The problem of the National Gallery is that the Secretary of State is trying to operate a system which is too full of what Bagehot called the checks and balances. The aim has been to achieve great architecture which will also receive general public approval. A worthy aim, but an impossible one. Great architecture must have character and that is usually contentious.

Contemporary pundits who try to shape public opinion seldom recognise great architecture. The Regent's Park terraces were described as "nests of monstrosities", the Royal Pavilion as "St Paul's having whelped at Brighton", and George Dance's Mansion House by a torrent of abuse starting with "the man pitched upon (to design it) was originally a shipwright and to do him justice he never seems to have lost sight of his first calling".

The public have frequently taken a different view. Inasmuch as the public have had their say at the exhibition of shortlisted entries for the National Gallery, the biggest pro vote (and the biggest anti vote) went to the Richard Rogers design – a design of striking character.

The best way to get good architectural design is the way of the past. Once the owner has chosen an architect, whether by competition or straightforward selection, they develop the design together. Once ABK had been appointed, and they are one of the best architectural firms in Britain, the Secretary of State should have found the courage, which he does not lack, to say yes to their last design.

Aesthetics are immeasurable. Planning considerations such as land use, access and density have already been resolved. Only inspiration can do the rest, not legislation. In art there is only a hair's breadth between genius and disaster. There is always the risk of failure, but to succeed the risk has to be accepted. Yet another design has been called for. Enough is enough. It should then be built.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL MANSER,
President,
Royal Institute of British Architects,
66 Portland Place, W1.
September 27.

From Mr Christopher Booker

Sir, Sir James Richards (September 24) is right. In view of the welcome rejection of the "fire station" design, is it not time to rethink this whole project? It is absurd that the housing of one of the world's great picture collections should be treated as mere "planning gain", incidental to a commercial office block.

Even on this basis, there is no reason why a commercial property company should be called in as middle man to take the profits from 51,000 sq ft of prime office space on such a prestigious, publicly owned site.

If it is really thought essential that the National Gallery extension should be paid for by an office development, why should the scheme not be carried out by a non-profit-making holding company acting on behalf of the gallery, so that all profits from this site might be ploughed back directly into supporting the gallery itself?

On the other hand, there might now seem to be an overwhelming case for launching a public appeal simply to construct a proper, purpose-built extension to the gallery. A project of this importance could well attract sufficient contributions from a range of public and private bodies and individuals, and the building's design would no longer then be bedevilled by the ambivalent considerations of public need and private gain which have in large part led to the present impasse.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER BOOKER,
The Old Shop,
Lamyatt,
Nr Shepton Mallet,
Somerset.
September 24.

From Mr David Sylvester

Sir, If we are looking for a civilized and dignified means to finance the housing of our national art collection – to echo J. M. Richards's phrases (September 24) – is not the answer to be found in selling off a few of its lesser treasures?

And should the same principle not also apply to other museums of ours which urgently need funds for extensions or repairs while masterpieces are piled up in their cellars?

Our vast holdings of great art are shown, or not shown, in spaces so inadequate as to make it absurd, not to say shameful, that we cling to them as greedily as we do.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID SYLVESTER,
35 Walpole Street, SW3.

Clerical opinion

From the Reverend Michael Burgess, SSC

Sir, Clifford Longley's article (September 25) highlights the supposed political sympathies of Church of England clergymen, according to various opinion polls taken over the last five years.

Just for the record, nobody has ever asked me my opinions and the same is true for a number of other priests I have spoken to.

Perhaps, Sir, you will permit me to register what would appear to be a small minority point of view, lest it go unrecorded? Because they add nothing to the quality of life or the vision of God, I reject the value of David Jenkins's remarks, and those of his supporters on this subject, as being seriously mischievous, repellent to truth, and naive in the extreme. What a poor comparison with Mr Peter Walker's letter (text, September 25), which is so much more worthy of support.

Here is one priest at least who does not applaud him.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BURGESS,
Church of the Annunciation,
Bryanston Street, W1.
September 25.

From the Chairman of the British Legal Association

Sir, As I understand it, the Bishop of Durham was critical not only of the Chairman of the National Coal Board but of all involved in the current miners' dispute including, of course, Government.

I have no greater sympathy for Mr Arthur Scargill than, I suspect, Lord Hailsham (the head of our judiciary) but I do question whether Lord Hailsham (September 25) is entitled to take words out of context in relation to what was said about Mr Ian MacGregor and on the basis thereof to suggest that the Bishop of Durham would be in some difficulty were he to be brought before the courts to defend his language which, it is implied, was racialist in tone. I understood what I had read and heard the Bishop of Durham saying as rebuking all parties concerned in this dispute without fear or favour, malice or ill-will.

What particularly troubles me is that Lord Hailsham, although entitled as an individual to his own views, should, whilst he is still the most senior member of the judiciary, feel it right to demonstrate his own prejudices in your columns.

If there are any other senior members of the judiciary entertaining similar and, as I would think, misguided views as to what the Bishop of Durham meant and said, we might well find it very difficult indeed to empanel a bench of law lords to try any of the issues which might reach the House of Lords arising out of the current dispute.

The damage that that would do would be far more pervasive than the damage which the Bishop of Durham's words are claimed to have achieved.

Yours faithfully,
STANLEY BEST, Chairman,
British Legal Association,
116 London Road,
Southborough,
Tunbridge Wells,
Kent.
September 25.

Future of Consett

From Sir Charles Villiers

Sir, The Headmaster of Bradfield, Mr Quick (September 26), says that he recently drove through Consett where "the great works have been levelled to the ground and there is nothing but desolation".

The good headmaster did not look very far – too quick?

It fell to me as Chairman of British Steel in 1980 to recommend to the board the closure of iron and steel works at Consett. Since then, due to a great effort by the Derwentside Industrial Development Agency, which is supported by the Derwentside Council, English Estates, BSC (Industry) and by many other bodies, over 150 new businesses have been started up in Consett and nearly 4,000 new job commitments have been created; of these, 2,000 are already on the ground.

Some of these new businesses will rise and others fall, but there is now in Consett a much more broadly based industry than in the old days. The full regeneration of Consett will take time, but it is on its way and there will be much for the Prince of Wales to see when he visits Consett next month.

Yours truly,
CHARLES VILLIERS, Chairman,
BSC (Industry) Ltd.,
Radstock House,
75 Eccleston Street, SW1.
September 26.

Aiding Central America

From Professor J. Lynch and others

Sir, The tour earlier this year of Western Europe by Costa Rican President Luis Alberto Monge resulted in a commitment by the EEC governments, together with Spain and Portugal, to participate in a conference in San José at the end of this month with the five Central American republics and the four members of the Contadora Group.

While there are still serious differences among some of the Latin American countries involved, all are united in seeking a greater commitment by Western Europe to a solution of the Central American impasse.

A previous effort a year ago by the five Central American republics to secure additional financial and economic support from Western Europe was a resounding failure. Although a joint request for funding was a major achievement in itself, the low-level European delegation merely listened politely and took no action.

This time, it is to be hoped that the Western European response will be different. In the case of Great Britain, the Foreign Secretary is attending in person, and this will be well received; it is important, however, that the British also make a gesture of a more material nature.

In the present fiscal climate, vast economic handouts cannot be expected and are, in any case, often of dubious value. We respectfully suggest, therefore, that a modest programme of scholarships to permit Central Americans to study in the United Kingdom would be the most cost-effective way to help Central America, while at the same time promoting British interests.

Foreign study is one of the branches of expenditure which have been most severely cut in Central America in recent years, yet a British grant of £1m per year could finance at least 100 students, many of whom would eventually reach positions of influence.

Other nations understand the significance of a scholarships programme. The Soviet Union, for example, is at present host to several hundred Costa Rican students and the United States has belatedly followed suit.

The Russian programme is massive, but they start from the disadvantage of having to combat a deeply ingrained anti-communism. There is still much good will towards this country in Central America and a programme of scholarships could develop the relationship in a mutually satisfactory way.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN LYNCH,
VICTOR BULMER–THOMAS,
LESLIE BETHELL,
HAROLD BLAKEMORE,
University of London.
Institute of Latin American Studies,
31 Tavistock Square, WC1.
September, 12.

Failures in the 'Englandspiel'

From Mr Christopher M. Woods

Sir, As keeper of the SOE (Special Operations Executive) Archive in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office I wish to place on record some facts and comments concerning last night's BBC programme (September 25) on the *Englandspiel*.

But first may I correct the impression given by your report (August 28) that the BBC received less official help in its research for this programme than for others in the series. The FCO did not withhold assistance, but it was not responsible for the content of the programme.

No one disputes that Holland was the scene of SOE's most tragic wartime disaster nor that this was due in part to mistakes and errors of judgment by SOE. What I hoped to see, and felt viewers would expect from a documentary programme presenting the story from the British side, was some illumination of how and why SOE in good faith went wrong.

Instead SOE was presented in simplistic terms as almost criminally negligent and the programme built up to a final suggestion that there was still some unrevealed mystery behind it all.

There is no trace of any justification for this in the SOE archive and the whole presentation struck me as unfair, not only to viewers, but to all SOE participants in the tragedy, both British and Dutch.

In early 1942, when the first crucial errors occurred, SOE was a new organization and had not yet refined through experience the techniques on which later successes were built.

For instance "security checks", on which criticism hinges, were still rudimentary and often unreliable (mistakes in coding or transmission, atmospheric distortion, haste and stress). Moreover, when the first wireless agent was caught he had on him three coded messages in which he had already included his correct check. Was it really so easy for SOE to detect that he was under control?

There were other complicating factors. If it had all been as straightforward as the programme suggested, it is strange that SOE's internal security investigation when suspicions were really aroused did not fasten on the early omission of security checks.

The Dutch section was a late starter – Holland was not the easiest country for SOE to operate in – and zeal to get on may have impaired the section's judgment. But once a combination of luck and skill had enabled the enemy to control from the start the whole of SOE's original network, it was not easy to escape from such a stranglehold. That SOE broke loose in 1943 was thanks to the Dutch agents who managed to blow the gaff.

They did so, let it be recorded too, in time for SOE with the Dutch to start again in 1944 to create a new network which helped Dutch Resistance to play its part in the final campaign and the liberation of Holland.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER M. WOODS,
SOE Adviser,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
King Charles Street, SW1.

Civil Service ethics

From Mr Michael J. Elliott

Sir, Ronald Butt (September 20) misses the point of my paper to the Royal Institute of Public Administration. My central argument was that, because neither Parliament nor the courts had developed effective techniques for constraining government, the Civil Service has *in practice* become the major way in which government is scrutinised.

As Peter Hennessy accurately reported (September 17), I do not find that state of affairs desirable – for much the same reasons as Ronald Butt. But I certainly believe that we would be mad to undermine the ability of the Civil Service to check and constrain government without putting something better in its place.

It is on that search for new constitutional arrangements that the real debate should focus. It is much too simple to characterise these concerns as, in some way, opposed to a strong government, determined to effect cultural change. The strongest government is one whose back is so broad that it can bear rods of iron.

The question of how effective government is in practice rendered accountable (it will not do to answer "By Parliament") is a weighty one – at least, Lord Scarman appears to think so, and I doubt if I am alone in treating his view of the Constitution with great respect. It will not do to dismiss these important matters as the vapourings of a liberal establishment in retreat.

Yours ever,
MICHAEL J. ELLIOTT,
The Economist,
25 St James's St, SW1.
September 20.

Lord and ladies

From Professor F. M. Fowler

Sir, For a spirited defence of such New Alternative Anthems as "Laudate Women Domini" Dr Flanagan (September 20) and others in liturgical distress should contact the splendid la(d)y preacher who, according to your service lists, has – since the introduction of the mini-skirt – most frequently graced the pulpits of London churches. Her name and address: Miss A. Brevis (Palestrina).

Yours neofaithfully,
FRANK M. FOWLER,
Department of German,
Queen Mary College,
University of London,
Mile End Road, E1.
September 20.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 27: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Save the Children Fund, this evening attended the Victor Borge Anniversary Dinner at Blazer's Club, Windsor.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Colonel the Hon Gordon Palmer).

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 27: The Duke of Kent this evening opened the new Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury, and later, as Patron, attended a performance of *King Priam* by the Kent Opera.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Captain Charles Blount.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
September 27: Princess Alexandra, Vice-Patron of the YWCA of Great Britain, this morning opened Jesmond House, the new hostel at Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear.

As Patron, Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the new Village of CARE for mentally handicapped people at Ponteland, Northumberland.

Princess Alexandra subsequently visited Low Cranecleugh, Kielder Water, and opened the Northumbria Calvert Trust holiday centre for handicapped people and their families.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

In the evening, Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were present at the Ladies' Night Dinner of the Inner Temple Bench at Inner Temple Hall, London EC4.

Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

Princess Alexandra, Vice-Patron of the Royal Over-Seas League, was represented by Major Peter Clarke at the Memorial Service for Mr Philip Crawshaw which was held in St James's Church, Piccadilly this morning.

A memorial service for the Marquess of Aberdeen will be held at St Margaret's Westminster on Tuesday, October 16, at noon.

A memorial service for Dame Flora Robson will be held today at noon at St Paul's, Covent Garden.

Birthdays today

Miss Brigitte Bardot, 50; Sir Thomas Barnard, 91; the Duke of Buccleuch, 61; Lord Cockfield, 68; Miss J. M. Drew, 55; Mr H. Fraenkel, 87; Dame Phyllis Friend, 62; the Ven Frank Harvey, 54; Sir Trevor Hughes, 59; Mr Jeremy Isaacs, 52; Lord Layton, 72; the Earl of Listowel, 78; Miss Ellen Malcolm, 61; Mr Marcello Mastroianni, 60; Mr Peter Miller, 54; Mr Michael Somes, 67.

Memorial service

Mr P. Crawshaw
Princess Alexandra, the Hon Mrs Angus Ogilvy, Vice-Patron of the Royal Over-Seas League, was represented by Major Peter Clarke at a memorial service for Mr Philip Crawshaw held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Very Rev William Baddeley officiated. Captain John Rumble, Director-General of the Royal Over-Seas League, read the lesson and Mr Godfrey Talbot, vice-chairman, gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Crawshaw (widow), Mrs T Pond (daughter), Mr R W Crawshaw (brother), Mrs M Keith (stepsister), Mr and Mrs Felix Kok, Mrs Cordelia Turner, Mr James Crawshaw, Sir Daniel and Lady Crawshaw, Mr E Crawshaw, Mrs M Crawshaw, Mr I Keith, Mrs S Keith, Mr R Keith, Mr Simon Green.

The Countess of Ranfurly, Lord Grey of Naunton (President of the Royal Over-Seas League) and Lady Grey, Sir David Scott (chairman), Mr M A S Dalal (deputy chairman) and Mrs Dalal, Mrs Godfrey Talbot, Mr and Mrs Patrick Jubb and Mrs John Rumble; Lady Gwendoline Latham, Dame Eva Turner, Lady Luce, Sir Anthony Abell, Miss Mona Mitchell, Miss Audrey Strange, Mr and Mrs J B Holderness, Mr and Mrs H T Nicholson, Mr and Mrs P R Noakes.

Latest wills

Mr Eric Wright, of Sandbanks, Poole, Dorset, company director, who disappeared overboard with his wife from the QE2 between Grand Bahama and St Thomas in the American Virgin Islands last Christmas, left estate valued at £311,408 net. His wife, Mrs Olive Wright, left estate valued at £263,416 net.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. C. Armitage and Miss C. D. Pardoe
The engagement is announced between Andrew Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Eric Armitage, of Wendover, Buckinghamshire, and Caroline Davina, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Pardoe, of Rainham, Kent.

Dr R. D. C. Elwes and Miss R. Nelson
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs D. M. C. Elwes, of Newbury, Berkshire, and Ruth, daughter Mr and Mrs E. C. F. Nelson, of Chideock, Bridport, Dorset.

Mr J. P. H. Fournier and Miss E.-L. Ulmann
The engagement is announced between Jacques, younger son of M and Mme Jean Fournier, of 18 Rue des Chataigniers, Coquelles 62231, France, and Emma-Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Ulmann, of The Clock House, Great Hallingbury, Bishop's Stortford.

Mr W. D. Gavin and Miss L. M. Carter
The engagement is announced between William David, son of the late Patrick and Ethel Gavin, of Wellington, New Zealand, and Louise Mary, daughter of the late Robert Edward Carter and the late Lady (Mary) Carter-South, of Drayton, Norfolk.

Mr M. J. Holdsworth and Miss M. L. Anderson
The engagement is announced between Michael John, elder son of Colonel and Mrs Roger Holdsworth, of Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, and Mary Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Anderson, of Holmbury St Mary, Surrey.

Mr P. J. Knipe and Miss F. J. Gordon
The engagement is announced between Peter John, only son of Mr George T. Knipe and the late Mrs Marjorie Knipe, of Watermark House, Blakeney, Norfolk, and Fiona Jane, eldest daughter of Mr D. W. S. Gordon, of Walton House, Tadworth, and Mrs G. M. Gordon, of Millbrook Cottages, Chobham, Surrey.

Mr L. B. Jones and Miss C. S. Ludovici
The engagement is announced between Brian, elder son of Mr and Mrs L. Jones, of Hunts Cross, Liverpool, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. V. Ludovici, of Cadogan Place, London, SW1.

Mr L. P. Morrish and Mrs D. M. Woolcott
The engagement is announced between Lancelot, only son of Mr and Mrs P. S. Morrish, of Horsmonden, Kent, and Diana, eldest daughter of Major and Mrs H. F. R. Homfray, of Cowbridge, South Glamorgan.

Mr P. G. Slot and Miss F. A. Wildblood
The engagement is announced between Peter, third son of Mr and Mrs Michael Slot, of Laughton, East Sussex, and Fiona, younger daughter of Major and Mrs Peter Wildblood, of Barnet, Hertfordshire.

Mr S. N. Tait and Miss A. R. Chaudhary
The engagement is announced between Shawn, son of Mr and Mrs E. Tait, of Cape Town, South Africa, and Asha, daughter of Mrs S. Chaudhary and the late Mr F. K. Chaudhary, of the Punjab, India.

Marriages

Mr D. Rey and Miss F. D. Whitfield
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 22, 1984, at Oxford between Mr Danyon Rey, of Gloucester, and Miss Francisca Domitilla Whitfield, of Kano, Nigeria.

Mr M. H. Richardson and Miss J. Garfield Bennett
The marriage took place on Thursday, September 13, 1984, at the Parish Church of St Martin de Grouville, Jersey, Channel Islands, between Mr Michael H. Richardson, elder son of late Mr M. Richardson and Mrs M. Richardson, of Grimaldi, New St John's Road, St Helier, Jersey, and Miss Joanna F. Garfield Bennett, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Garfield Bennett, of 6 Royal Crescent, St Helier, Jersey. Canon Lawrence Hibbs officiated.

Dinners

Inner Temple
Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were the guests of the Treasurer, Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, QC, and the Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple at the Bench ladies' night held last night.

Paviors' Company
The Lord Mayor *locum tenens*, Sir Christopher Leaver, and Lady Leaver, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were present at the annual ladies' dinner of the Paviors' Company held at the Mansion House last night. The civic toast was proposed by the Master, Mr Hugh Olson, and replied to by the Lord Mayor *locum tenens*. Lord Chalfont and Judge Sir James Miskin, QC, Recorder of London, also spoke.

Also among the guests were:
Sir Walter and Lady Marshall, Sir David and Lady Steel, Mr Alderman and Mrs Chalstrey, Mr Henry Duckworth (Chief Commoner) and Mrs Duckworth, Mr and Mrs D G Jefferies, Mr and Mrs E Summers and the Masters and Clerks of the Cutlers' and Tylers' and Bricklayers' companies and their ladies.

Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers
Mr Alderman Bryan E. Toye, Master of the Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers, and Mrs Toye held a private reception and dinner for members of the Court of Assistants of the company with their ladies last night at Innholders' Hall.

Meeting

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a meeting held last night at the house of the Royal Society. Mr John Ashton spoke on "Science and Technology in China Today". Mr Qian Chuanbing, Counsellor for Science and Technology at the Chinese Embassy, attended and other guests included Mr Oscar Roith, Professor R. E. D. Bishop, Mr J. W. G. Sharp, Mr R. S. Lucas, Dr A. S. Ma, Mr E. G. Masdin and Mr M. Russell.

NSPCC gala

Some tickets are still left for the NSPCC champagne gala evening at the Park Lane Hotel Antiques Fair on October 3. Tickets are available from Gay Hutson (01-995 5094 or 01-493 6420).

Judge retires

Judge Wallis-Jones will retire from the Circuit Bench on the Wales and Chester Circuit on November 4. In consequence, Judge Norman Francis will move to Cardiff and Judge ap Robert will take over Judge Francis's sittings in the county court.

Prince backs new excavation of Maiden Castle

By Alan Hamilton

The Prince of Wales has agreed to help to fund the excavation of one of England's most important and largely unexplored Iron Age archaeological sites.

The Prince, as Duke of Cornwall, is ultimate owner of Maiden Castle, near Dorchester, a huge hill fort which experts believe may have been continuously occupied from late Neolithic times until the departure of the Romans.

Helped by a substantial cash donation from Duchy funds, the recently-formed Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission is to conduct an extensive survey of the site to coincide with a global archaeological conference in London in 1986.

The 40-acre hilltop site, with 50-ft defensive earthworks still plainly visible, was partially excavated in the 1930s by Sir Mortimer Wheeler, one of the leading field archaeologists of his day. It is a familiar landmark of the Dorset chalk downs, and features in both the original book and the subsequent film of Thomas Hardy's *Far from the Madding Crowd*.

Recent dry weather in the south-west which exposed many unknown prehistoric sites in aerial surveys added little to the knowledge of Maiden Castle; the site is under pasture rather than crops and therefore yields no secrets to an airborne camera. Government archaeological inspectors are concerned that the cattle which graze the area are gradually damaging the site.

Dr Geoffrey Wainwright, the commission's principal inspector, said: "The importance of Maiden Castle can hardly be overestimated. It is one of the few sites in the country where one can identify a particular event, the Roman Conquest."

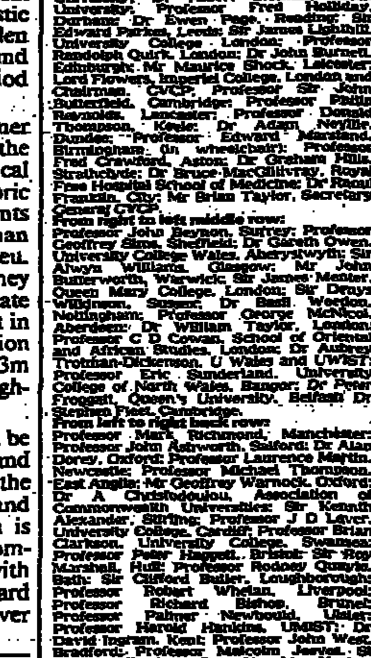
Besides the Roman remains the site contains a large Iron Age burial barrow, Saxon graves, and a Stone Age fort

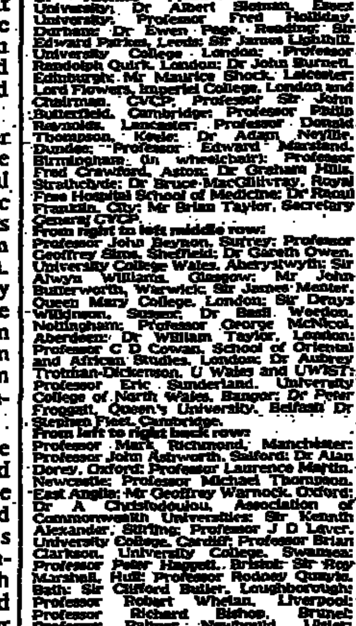
Archaeologists will be examining three main areas: was the earliest fort built 5,000 years ago? Was the hill re-fortified after the Roman era to fend off the invading Saxons? And what were the everyday domestic lives of the people of Maiden Castle who may have come and gone continuously over a period of 3,000 years?

Work will start next summer on what will undoubtedly be the largest single archaeological project of the new Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission, whose chairman is Lord Montagu of Beaulieu. Commission officials say they have not yet made an estimate of the cost of the venture, but in the current year the commission has made grants totalling £5.3m to excavation projects throughout Britain.

A large part of the cost will be consumed in building and running a visitor centre on the site to explain its history and discoveries; the commission is hoping that commercial companies, particularly those with Dorset links, will come forward with sponsorship to help cover the cost.

University summit





Members of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals took time off from their deliberations at Cambridge yesterday to pose for a rare group photograph.

Left to right: front row: Dr Thomas Johnston, Heriot-Watt University; Dr Albert Sloman, Essex University; Professor Fred Holliday, Durham; Dr Ewen Page, Reading; Sir Edward Parkes, Leeds; Sir James Lighthill, University College London; Professor Randolph Quirk, London; Dr John Burnett, Edinburgh; Mr Maurice Shock, Leicester; Lord Flowers, Imperial College, London and Chairman, CVCP; Professor Sir John Butterfield, Cambridge; Professor Philip Reynolds, Lancaster; Professor Donald Thompson, Keele; Dr Adam Neville, Dundee; Professor Edward Marsland, Birmingham (in wheelchair); Professor Fred Crawford, Aston; Dr Graham Hills, Strathclyde; Dr Bruce MacGillivray, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine; Dr Raoul Franklin, City; Mr Brian Taylor, Secretary General, CVCP.

From right to left middle row: Professor John Beynon, Surrey; Professor Geoffrey Sims, Sheffield; Dr Gareth Owen, University College Wales, Aberystwyth; Sir Alwyn Williams, Glasgow; Mr John Butterworth, Warwick; Sir James Menter, Queen Mary College, London; Sir Denys Wilkinson, Sussex; Dr Basil Weedon, Nottingham; Professor George McNicol, Aberdeen; Dr William Taylor, London; Professor C D Cowan, School of Oriental and African Studies, London; Dr Aubrey Trotman-Dickenson, U Wales and UWIST; Professor Eric Sunderland, University College of North Wales, Bangor; Dr Peter Froggatt, Queen's University, Belfast; Dr Stephen Fleet, Cambridge.

From left to right back row: Professor Mark Richmond, Manchester; Professor John Ashworth, Salford; Dr Alan Dorey, Oxford; Professor Laurence Martin, Newcastle; Professor Michael Thompson, East Anglia; Mr Geoffrey Warnock, Oxford; Dr A Christodoulou, Association of Commonwealth Universities; Sir Kenneth Alexander, Stirling; Professor J D Lever, University College, Cardiff; Professor Brian Clarkson, University College, Swansea; Professor Peter Haggett, Bristol; Sir Roy Marshall, Hull; Professor Rodney Quayle, Bath; Sir Clifford Butler, Loughborough; Professor Robert Whelan, Liverpool; Professor Richard Bishop, Brunel; Professor Palmer Newbould, Ulster; Professor Harold Hankins, UMIST; Dr David Ingram, Kent; Professor John West, Bradford; Professor Malcolm Jeeves, St Andrews; Professor Peter Venables, York.

Members absent from the photograph were: Dr David Harrison, Exeter; Professor J M Roberts, Southampton; Dr J H Horlock, Open

Latest appointments

Mr John Wybrew to be a member of the Prime Minister's policy unit at Downing Street on a two-year secondment from the Royal Dutch Shell Group.

Mr Michael Cochlin to be promoted to under secretary at the Department of Trade and Industry, and becomes head of Vehicles Division.

Legal
Mr E. ap G. Lewis, QC, to be a Circuit Judge on the South Eastern Circuit, where he will undertake Official Referees' business in London.

Mr John Timmons to be President of the Prosecuting Solicitors' Society of England and Wales.

The Queen heads for Toronto

From John Best, Ottawa

The Queen was in St Lawrence Seaway country yesterday visiting towns and cities along the Canadian side of the inland waterway which she helped to officially open – with the late US President Eisenhower – 25 years ago.

At Cornwall she took part in a walkabout, accompanied by Mr William Davis, the Premier of Ontario, then paid a half-hour visit to the historic Trinity Anglican Church where she unveiled a plaque commemorating the church's bicentennial.

In the adjoining churchyard, she and the Duke of Edinburgh were shown the gravestones of several early members of the parish, whose founding was closely associated with the arrival of the United Empire Loyalists from the newly established American Republic in 1784.

On Wednesday the Queen, who is on a two-week Canadian tour, received a full-scale ceremonial welcome on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. A relatively small crowd of about 3,000 turned out in bright but chilly autumn weather.

Responding to an address by Mr Brian Mulroney, the Canadian Prime Minister, the Queen paid tribute to the "uniquely Canadian" system of federalism developed in this country.

Today the Royal couple plan to spend a leisurely day aboard the Royal Yacht Britannia, cruising up Lake Ontario towards Toronto where they have a full schedule of activities tomorrow and Sunday.

Science report

Aphrodisiac could destroy cockroaches

N.Y.T. – Chemists at Yale University have produced a cockroach aphrodisiac, and a company is negotiating with the university to test and market it.

The result could be a new way of killing *Periplaneta americana*, the American cockroach, which now infests seven continents and is particularly well-known in the New York area. The synthetic substance, called Periplanone-B, would lure the insects into traps treated with insecticide.

It was a "flash of eureka", said Dr Stuart L. Schreiber, associate professor of organic chemistry at Yale, of the moment when he and Conrad Santini, a research associate, succeeded in the synthesis after two-and-a-half years of fruitless labour.

The discovery has hallmarks of a great success, according to Dr Charles Remington, curator of the Museum of Natural History at Yale. Pointing to famines in some parts of the Third World, he said that cockroaches often diminished food stocks and that the synthesized sex attractant could save lives.

Several fentograms (one thousand millionth of a millionth of a gram) of Periplanone-B is potent enough to send half a dozen male cockroaches into sexual frenzies leading to their deaths, Dr Schreiber said.

They immediately stand on their back legs and start flapping their wings madly. This frantic phase lasts for about 20 minutes and is followed by a 15-minute cooling-off period, he said. They are then suffering from severe fatigue, he continued.

Sexual attractants in non-toxic biological lures are now beginning to be used to control gypsy moths, Dr Remington said. Yale's cockroach aphrodisiac appeals only to the American cockroach, which numbers about one thousand million in New York, he said. In northern cities, American cockroaches are outnumbered slightly by German cockroaches, which are smaller and lighter brown. More than a decade ago scientists who studied the brains of male cockroaches recognized the power of the pheromone, or sexual excitant, produced by virgin females.

To duplicate the internal workings of virgin female, Schreiber and Santini marshalled the powers of modern instruments: a rotary evaporator, low-temperature cooling baths, high-pressure liquid chromatography, an infra-red spectrometer and a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer.

For more than two years, the search for the elusive pheromone led nowhere. It had a high priority for Schreiber because a breakthrough could lead to the engineering of similar sought-after compounds, known as 10-member ring compounds, to control growth in plants and deter insects from feeding.

Dr Michael Lerner, a neurobiologist at Yale Medical School, tested the synthesized Periplanone-B. The antennae of females showed no response when exposed to the substance, but the male fired off an electrical signal, Lerner said.

OBITUARY

MR ROBERT THOULESS
Educational and social psychology

Mr R. H. Thouless, who died on September 25 at the age of 90, made considerable contributions to educational psychology and psychical research. He was Reader in Educational Psychology from 1945 until 1961 and Reader Emeritus from the latter date.

Robert Henry Thouless was born at Norwich on 15 July 1894. He was educated at Norwich and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, where he read Natural Sciences Tripos. During the first World War he served as Brigade Signal Officer in the British Salonica Forces.

Returning to Cambridge in 1919, he was elected Fellow of Corpus Christi College, and soon afterwards was appointed Lecturer in Psychology in the University of Manchester.

Here he did much to develop experimental studies, and by his teaching and writing made colleagues and students aware of the necessity to push farther the analytic and theoretical study of social psychology. He was possibly the first British psychologist to write about social stratification, a fact taken for granted by most of his contemporaries.

His *Social Psychology* (1925) for many years, in its extended form *Social and General Psychology*, was read with pleasure and profit by students in many universities and several faculties, because of its exceptional clearness and – a novel feature at that time – many well-chosen examples from everyday life. Later he was a co-editor of *The Study of Society* (1939).

Thouless was deeply religious; his approach to problems of religion, with the example of William James in mind, was subjective, not behaviouristic. At Manchester he published *The Lady Julian* and (1923) *Introduction to the Psychology of Religion*, considering the various factors involved in religious belief. Later he made studies of the tendency to certainty in religious belief, and after much examination of the results of psychical research came to believe that it provides impressive empirical evidence for the continuance of human existence after bodily death.

At Manchester he was elected, as a psychologist, to the Board of the Faculty of Theology: such an appointment was unusual in universities at that time.

From 1926 to 1938 he was lecturer in psychology at the University of Glasgow, afterwards returning to Cambridge, to the staff of the Department of Education, being appointed Reader in 1945.

He became well aware of the important part psychology would play in the future development of educational practice. He did much to further the understanding and use of statistical methods in educational and psychological research in Great Britain. In addition, he made novel contributions to the study of the reliability of mental tests and the measurement of social attitudes and prejudices.

Unlike many psychologists and some leading philosophers between the wars, to whom formal logic was dry and boring, even if they lectured on this subject, Thouless, in *Straight and Crooked Thinking* handled with wit the pitfalls of "tabloid" thinking. With hardly concealed gusto he dissected and exposed 34 dishonest tricks in argument, in a chapter which members of debating societies may have found monitory, if occasionally useful.

A proof – it was never needed – of his intellectual honesty was that he wrote *Straight Thinking in Wartime* (1942) with chapters on Propaganda, Racial Theories, Jews and Germans, Atrocities, Retribution and War Guilt, and Theories about the Causes of War. It certainly deserves re-reading today.

Towards problems of parapsychology, Thouless's attitude was never the fashionable one of polite interest coupled with aloof scepticism. After returning to Cambridge he pursued his own investigations and his contributions were recognised by election to the Presidency of the Society for Psychical Research (1942).

He was personally satisfied of the experimental and critical soundnes of some well-publicised investigations discussing these in *Experimental Psychical Research* (1963). *From Anecdote to Experiment in Psychical Research* (1972) was an absorbing study, written with toughness and common sense, and was a notable contribution to the study of psychical research.

While he did not allow the teachings of psychoanalysts to permeate his psychological systems as deeply as some of his contemporaries did, he was always open to the suggestion that objective methods could be applied to many unconscious happenings, and took part in some early attempts to apply to dream-analysis the techniques of measuring the psych-galvanic reaction.

Thouless appears to have had no ambition to found, or even to join, a "school" of psychological thought. In the realm of science he was outstandingly independent; in the world of religion this seemed less certain. What is beyond doubt is that he was an eminently friendly, fair-minded and fearless thinker.

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THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Fraser shareholders put to the test

The proper working of the British System depends uniquely on observance of the spirit as well as the letter of the law. This is as true in business as it is *in politics*. Although not legal in the strict sense, Lonrho's grudging undertaking to the Department of Trade and Industry not to vote its 29.9 per cent of the House of Fraser against the reelection of the chairman, Professor Roland Smith, was taken at its face value by the Department. After all it was part of a bargain in which Lonrho was left free to vote, and canvass others to vote, for two more Lonrho nominees on the Fraser board and to press for formal restrictions on the board's ability to manage Fraser in the interests of all Fraser shareholders.

The DTI however, persistently underestimates or perhaps fears Lonrho, or rather its formidable and determined chief executive, Mr "Tiny" Roland, and battery of lawyers. The undertaking on Professor Smith's reelection, as with undertakings given to the DTI after the Monopolies Commission report in 1981, has been interpreted soley according to the letter. Lonrho, simply went out to persuade others – friends, foes and committed alike – to vote Professor Smith off the board.

Everyone outside Lonrho's sphere of influence realizes that without Professor Smith and his fellow director, Mr Ernest Sharp, the Fraser board would have been hard put to it to resist Lonrho's relentless *battering. Mr Sharp's position on the* board is also at risk at today's annual *meeting in* Glasgow, as Lonrho will throw its 29.9 per cent, as well as its influence, against him. If one or both are voted down, Lonrho will be jubilant. And rightly so, for Mr Rowland will have made a giant leap toward his goal: Lonrho's acquisition, by one means or another, and at minimum cost, of House of Fraser and with it, Harrods.

It would be the height of foolishness for other Fraser shareholders to play Lonrho's game. Even those who claim an open mind on the relative merits of the protagonists, cannot think it is in their interest to further Lonrho's cause in advance of the Monopolies Commission's finding, expected before the year end, on the nature and state of Lonrho's original undertakings not to extend its power over Fraser through the acquisition of more Fraser shares.

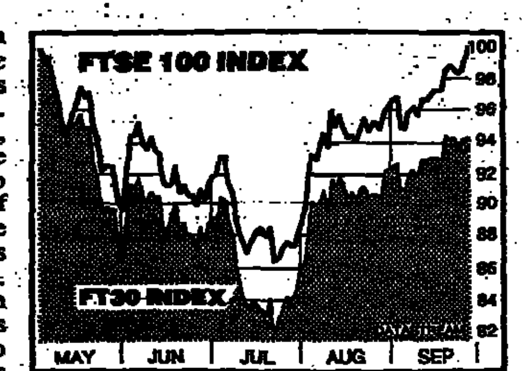
The Merchant Navy Pension Fund, among institutional shareholders, has a particular responsibility to do the right thing. And that, without a scintilla of doubt, is to keep Professor Smith and Mr Sharp on the board and as far as possible maintain the status quo, at least until the Commission has reported and the air is clearer.

The FT-SE index shows its worth

The London stock market rose to a record yesterday. But this ostensibly significant event received scant attention in the City. Part of the reason, possibly, lay in the distracting effect of the "Stop the City" demonstrations. The other factor was that the record was struck in the seven-month-old FT–SE 100-share index, rather than the time-honoured FT Industrial Ordinary index, covering 30 leading shares.

The chart shows that the two indices have taken quite different paths since they touched all-time highs simultaneously on May 3 this year. While the 30-share index carried on plunging, the FT–SE showed more resilience in *the latter part of May*. This gap was reinforced during the *summer, and has tended to* widen during the stock market's recent recovery. The result is that, while the FT–SE was celebrating a record 1144.1 yesterday, the Industrial Ordinary at 872,0 was still 50 points below its peak.

Logically, this only goes to demonstrate how outmoded the 30-share index is. After all, the FT–SE embraces the constituents of the older index and 70 more besides. The extra shares include banks and insurance companies, as well as the



tobacco and insurance giant BAT Industries. Apart from the banks, these have been among the leading sectors on the stock market over the past six months.

But it will be a long time before the FT–SE replaces the 30-share index as a barometer of sentiment in the financial community as a whole. In that sense, *its* performance and the reaction to it are *mutually self-feeding. The more cheerful* thought for the public at large is that the FT–SE index more faithfully reflects the behaviour of a typical institutional fund manager's portfolio – the sort, in fact, which determines the fate of our pensions and insurance policies.

CBI pushes for status quo

The Confederation of British Industry paints such a rosy picture of the British economy in its representations to the Chancellor before his autumn economic statement that Mr Nigel Lawson could be forgiven for preening himself.

Outcry, says the CBI, is better than the official figures show, with a forecast rise of 2.5 per cent this year, despite the coal strike, and *nearer 3 per* cent in *1985* if the strike is over by then. Real profitability is *rising strongly towards the international* norm; inflation trends are even better than *shown by the retail price index; companies* are expecting a record financial surplus *despite the biggest real rise in investment* since the war. So, says the CBI, this is not *the time to rock the boat*. Instead, budgetary policy should be aimed at *increasing the competitiveness of British* industry so that British firms can provide *more jobs*.

This is sound, encouraging stuff. When it comes to prescriptions however, the CBI betrays that its proposals have been drawn up by a committee.

Taxation is too high. The Government should aim to cut the general level of taxation back to 1978-79 levels by 1989-90. Public spending should be cut to fit that level of taxation. On the other hand, ministers should be looking for more short-term cuts in capital spending. Far from it. Indeed, they should be spending an extra £1 billion a year on cost-effective infrastructure projects, including an extra £300m a year on roads for each of the next 10 years.

This circle must be squared by cutting government's current spending by £6 billion a year over four years – a task which the CBI supposes has been taken care of for the benefit of Treasury ministers in its paper on "Efficiency in the Public Services". The need for such attempts to square the circle is, in case it be forgotten, a result of unemployment spoiling the Government's financial equations. *If unemployment were lower,* the need for such unconvincing reasoning *would disappear.*

The CBI may, therefore, be on stronger ground in its call for more direct aid to competitiveness. Autumn is the time when public spending and National Insurance conributions are dealt with rather than the budget as a whole.

National Insurance contributions do increase the cost of labour directly and therefore presumably reduce demand. Any moves geared to cut labour costs must surely help that central policy problem and any measures that would increase labour costs should be resisted.

Dollar loses ground as US banks cut prime rates

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

A flurry of prime rate cuts by *United States* banks sent the dollar lower yesterday, with *dealers still awaiting* more German-led intervention against it.

In Washington, the IMF predicted a 1985 growth slowdown for the world economy.

Four banks, Chase Manhattan, *Chemical Bank, First* National Chicago and Manufacturers Hanover Trust, led the day's cuts bringing their prime rates down from 13 to 12.75 per cent before midday, New York time. Later, the Southwest Bank *of St Louis* cut its rate from 13 to 12.5 per cent others followed with cuts to 12.75.

Overnight, Wells Fargo, America's eleventh largest bank, had dropped its prime rate from 13 to 12.5 per cent.

There was some surprise that the first few banks which *moved* yesterday had not matched the Wells Fargo cut, but the fact that they chose to make a reduction at a time *when end-quarter pressures* have pushed up money market rates could indicate that there are more cuts in prime rates to come.

The latest round of prime rate cuts was begun by Morgan Guaranty, with a 0.25 point cut, last Friday.

Sterling gained 0.4 points against the dollar to close at $1.2465 *in London, at one point* trading above $1.25 as rumours of a new coal peace formula swept through the markets. The sterling index rose 0.3 points to 76.7.

The dollar lost nearly two pfennigs against the Deutsche mark to close in London at DM3.0205.

Later in New York, the dollar was off its lowest level as the *Federal Reserve failed to supply* reserves to the system and as expectec, German central bank intervention failed to materialize. *The dollar traded at* $1.2420 and DM3.0365.

According to one New York dealer, the German bank has sold $1 billion during the past few days.

● WASHINGTON: Growth in the industrial world will be nearly 5 per cent this year, the *IMF predicted in its world* economic outlook, published yesterday, Sarah Hogg writes.

As previously reported in *The Times* this is 1.25 percentage points higher than the forecast made by the IMF only six months ago.

However, the fund's forecasts for 1985 are little changed. They show as a whole;

● Growth slowing to 3.4 per cent in the *industrial world* as a whole;

● Inflation little changed, averaging 5.9 per cent in the industrial world, compared with 6.1 per cent this year;

● *Employment increasing* more slowly, rising 1.8 per cent in the seven leading economies, compared with a 2.4 per cent increase this year. However, that is enough to reduce the unemployment rate from 7.6 per cent to 7.3 per cent;

● Britain's growth is forecast to slow from an annual rate of 3.5 per cent in the fourth quarter of 1983 to only 1.9 per cent by the fourth quarter of 1985. However, its unemploy*ment rate is* also expected to drop marginally, from 12.6 per cent to 12.4 per cent next year.

● The picture for developing countries is brighter. Non-oil countries are expected to increase their growth rates from a weighted average of 3.3 per cent this year to 3.6 per cent next year.

Hongkong plays safe

The Hang Seng index closed 15.19 points higher at 1,041.98 as Hongkong stock markets reacted cautiously to the generally favourable local response to the agreement between Britain and China over the colony's future.

Trading was brisk with investment institutions from overseas coming in as buyers, particularly of property companies whose security was helped by the agreement that government land leases could be extended up to the year 2047. Hongkong Land rose 15 cents to HK$3.30 and Sun Hung Kai Properties by 20 cents to HK$7.

But there were widespread rises for leading stocks, helped by the cut in US prime rates as well as the text of the agreement, which had in part been discounted in previous days. Local brokers hope prices will now move slowly but *steadily up*.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index: 1144.4 up 8.9
(high: 1144.4; low: 1136.6)
FT Index: 872.0 up 3.0
FT Gilts: 80.83 up 0.29
FT All Share: N/A
Bargains: 18,176
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: (latest) 1217.38 up 5.19
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 10,643.67 up 23.81
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1,014.98 up 15.19

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE

Sterling
Index 76.7 up 0.3 (range 76.7-76.4)
$1.2465 up 40pts
DM 3.7720 down 0.0045
FrF 11.55 down 0.0472
Yen 305 up 0.53
Dollar
Index 140.9 down 1.5
DM 3.0205 down 0.0195

NEW YORK LATEST

Sterling $1.2420
Dollar DM 3.0365

INTERNATIONAL

ECU £0.593197
SDR £0.809258

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 10½
Finance houses base rate 11½
Discount market loans week fixed 10½ - 10⅜
3 month interbank 10[13]/16 - 10[11]/16
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 11[7]/16 - 11[5]/16
3 month DM 5[5]/16 - 5[3]/16
3 month Fr F 11½ - 11⅜
US rates
Bank prime rate 13 - 12.50
Fed funds 10⅞
Treasury long bond 102⅞ - 103
ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period August 8 to September 4, 1984, inclusive: 10.806 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $344 pm $345.25
close $345 - 345.50 (£276.25 - 276.75)
New York (latest): $344.65
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$355 - 356.50 (£284.25 - 285.25)

SE issues caution to Woolworth

By William Kay and Ian Griffiths

The Stock Exchange has warned Mr John Beckett, the chairman of Woolworth Hold*ings, the retail group, not to* give a meeting of City analysts any unpublished information.

The warning was given after a sharp rise in Woolworth shares in the first three trading days of the week, in advance of a meeting of the Society of Investment Analysts of Wednesday evening.

Woolworth shares had risen from 495p to 518p, after having fallen steadily from *their 1984 peak of 550p,* reached on August 31.

Yesterday they lost 2p in disappointment at the lack of

John Beckett: Warned not to give analysts information

response to analysts' questions at the meeting.

Mr Beckett said that the Exchange had called the company secretary at Woolworth with a request to "warn your chairman that if he says anything that *has* not been published it will have to be published to shareholders".

He added: "I used it as an excuse *to tell* the analysts that I was not going to tell them *anything new – which I had* not intended to anyway."

One analyst said: "It was a non-event. He announced that *he had* been cautioned, and it was all very factual. He would not say anything about the outlook for the company at all."

● Woolworth's accounting *treatment of depreciation has* been outlawed by the Accounting Standards Committee. A statement of intent, published yesterday by the ASC, sets out changes to the existing depreciation accounting standard *which will* prevent Woolworth carrying on with the method it introduced in its 1983/84 accounts.

CEGB to reorganize operating structure

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The management of the Central Electricity Generating Board, which is working round the clock to combat the effects of the miners' strike on power stations, has formally put *substantial reorganisations* plans to its 52,000 strong workforce.

The CEGB has written to all staff and is to contact trade unions in the power generating industry detailing plans to *switch* from a regional to a functions management system.

The proposals mean the dismantling of its regional *structure and replacing it with a* chain of command organized according to function.

No redundancy proposals are contained in the plans announced to staff, but it is inevitable that many employees will leave the industry rather than transfer to new areas.

Detailed discussions of redundancy and disposal of some of the CEGB's regional properties will *start* shortly.

The plans have been unveiled in a personal letter sent to staff yesterday by Sir Walter Marshall, the CEGB chairman.

The letter says that there will be consultation with staff and with *trade unions below* national level when the proposals have been developed in more detail.

Reorganization has been expected by *senior* staff because the Department of Energy has not filled posts *of regional* chairmen and secretaries as they have become vacant this year.

The dismantling of the regional board system has been prompted by the rationalization of power station building plans and as a *result of Mr* Peter Walker, the Secretary of State for Energy, suggesting that the CEGB take greater financial responsibility for some of the Atomic Energy Authority's nuclear research work.

Unilever lifts Brooke Bond stake

By Michael Prest

Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch food and detergent combine, yesterday stalked a little closer to its intended bid victim, the tea and Oxo group, Brooke Bond, by raising its stake to 8.4 per cent.

Although 8.4 *per cent is* the official size of the stake, it is believed in the City that the total may be 9 per cent.

The 4.1 million shares were bought at the offer price of 114p where Brooke Bond has *hovered for more than a week*. Unilever now has 26.2 million shares in the group which its bid values at £355m.

But Brooke Bond sources were at pains to play down the significance of the bigger stake. *They are that it was only* to be expected that on the last day of the Stock Exchange account some speculators would sell.

Nevertheless, small though Unilever's stake may be, it has enjoyed a better reception than the rival and original bid from Tate & Lyle, the sugar group. *Tate's cash and paper bid*, which is still on the table, is worth about 104p a share and values Brooke Bond at around £300m.

Tate's acceptances amounted to a mere 0.66 wper cent and the group was candid about its reluctance to enter a bid battle

Brooke Bond has now been pursued by one hunter or another for nearly 11 weeks. The next important date is likely to be Monday when the *Office of Fair Trading* is expected to rule on Unilever's *bid.*

Restaurant group expands

By Our City Staff

Kennedy Brookes, the group which owns the Mario and Franco and Wheeler's restaurants, last night added two *more famous* London catering names to its collection.

In a £6m deal it is taking over nine restaurants and another due to open soon. The nine include Bertorelli's restaurants in Covent Garden and Charlotte Street and the Cafe des Amis du Vin, also in Covent *Garden. The Cafe des Amis du* Vin deal also embraces an extensive wine business and two food and wine shops.

Kennedy is paying for these acquisitions in shares. Vendors are retaining shares worth about *£2m with the rest placed among* City institutions at 240p each.

Last night Kennedy's shares closed at 258p, down 3p. In recent weeks the company's shares have been strong on suggestions that it is about to attract a takeover bid.

Greenall in £8m bid for off-licences

By Derek Harris
Commercial Editor

Greenall Whitley, one of the largest of the regional brewers, base in Warrington, Lancashire, *is in takeover talks for Cellar 5,* the Merseyside off-licence chain. Cellar 5 claims to be the second largest privately-owned chain in Britain with 170 outlets.

The deal, estimated to be worth about £8m, would give Greenall Whitley about 300 off-licences, which would *put* it among the top half dozen off-licence chains.

A number of big brewers have been expanding their interests in the off-licence trade because it adds retail margins to *wholesale profits. The take-*home trade is also a growth area while beer sales overall are showing little improvement.

Cellar 5, which is based at Kirkby with a geographical spread around the North-west and into North Wales, is reported to have had steady profit growth over the past 12 years.

It is planned to retain its management and staff because there is little overlap between *Cellar 5 outlets and those of* Greenall Whitley, which trade as Drew Wine Cellars.

A further announcement on the talks is expected within two weeks.

Stone rules out share concessions

By Derek Pain

Stone International, the systems engineering group, decided it would be "impractical and inappropriate" to offer any share-buying concessions to shareholders of its former parent company, Stone-Platt *Industries, it was disclosed* yesterday.

Stone-Platt collapsed into receivership in the spring of *1982.* At that time Stone International was one of its subsidiaries.

Now Stone International, the subject of a management buyout from the SPI receiver, is coming to the stock market. Chaterhouse Japhet, the mer*chant bank, is offering* 10.5 million shares at 125p each. At the sale price, SI is capitalized at £37.2m. In its last financial year the company made pretax profits of £6.2m.

SI's *primary* business is in the design, manufacture and supply of passenger comfort systems, such as air conditioning and lighting on trains.

At this level three of the four directors who led the rescue will *be millionaires. The* chief executive, Mr Robin Tavener, will have shares worth £3.1m. The others are Mr John Oratis (£2.3m) and Mr Peter McGrath (£1.5m).

NEWS IN BRIEF

Vickers profits double

A £3m cut in interest charges has helped Vickers, the engineering and Rolls-Royce car company, turn in *substantially* better half-year figures. The company said yesterday that profits had increased from £5m to £12.3m, thus continuing the improvement which started in the second half of 1983.

The biggest increase in profits came from Rolls-Royce Motors where production and sales reached target levels and the strong US dollar helped to strengthen margins.

● Tootal, the Manchester textile group, raised pretax profits for the six months to the end *of July* by 84 per cent to £8.26m.

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● George Wimpey's interim results to June show pretax profit of £23.1m, against £8.2m for the same period last year. *Turnover for the group* including work carried out by associate companies was down at £13.2m from £16.1m. The interim dividend is maintained at 0.85p.

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● INCHCAPE half-year profits which were helped by favourable exchange rates to the tune of about £2m increased from £24.5m to £36m.

Dunlop set to unveil rescue package

By Ian Griffiths

Dunlop Holdings is still hoping to unveil its capital reconstruction package next month. The group has debts of more than £400m and nego*tiations over a rescue deal are* now at an advanced stage.

About 46 banks are involved in the deal and the complexity of the arrangements has already delayed completion.

The company said yesterday that the delays were not over a matter of principle, but a question of determining the form and shape of the terms.

The reconstruction is essential for Dunlop's survival. It is likely to be a combination of a conversion of debt to equity, and a rights issue linked with the sale of some of the groups' subsidiaries.

Yesterday, Dunlop announced pretax profits for the six months to June 30 of £16m. This compares with *£2m* last year, although yesterday's figures were flattered by the exclusion of the group's European tyre operations

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Clausen criticizes US aid policy

From Sarah Hogg and Bailey *Morris, Washington*

Mr A W "Tom" Clausen, president of the World Bank, said yesterday that he was *"keenly disappointed"* by the failure of the United States to change its decision not to provide additional development funds for the world's poorest nations.

At a news conference marking the close of the bank's annual meeting with the International Monetary Fund, Mr Clausen said he was heartened by the voluntary pledges of additional financial help from some nations, but discourage that none of the big industralized nations had followed suit.

Mr Clausen's remarks reflected the growing frustration among bank officials over the hardline attitude of industrialized nations, lead by the United States, towards its requests for additional funds for the International Development Agency, the bank's soft loan arm, and for other bank *projects*.

The United States, the largest shareholder, also made clear at the meeting that it would attempt to block a proposed general capital increase for the bank when the issue comes to a vote next year.

Mr Donald Regan, the US Treasury Secretary, said in his formal address to ministers and central bankers *at the meeting* that the Reagan Administration wanted the bank to become more of "a catalyst" in attracting private money to Third World projects.

"We do not view a general capital increase as a necessary result of this process," Mr Regan said.

Mr Regan disclosed the US position as the bank's staff role of the bank which officials believe will involve changes requiring additional resources.

An official said: "We hope to reach a sufficient convergence of views to allow management to put forward proposals by early *1985*, in time for the next general capital increase."

But if the United States objects, and gains support from the four other nations which control byfar the largest block of voting shares cast by the executive board, it is unlikely the capital increase will be approved. Britain, West Germany, Japan and France are the other four nations which are the largest individual shareholders.

Earlier, the United States lead sucessfully a movement to cut development funds for IDA by reducing funds for the seventh replenishment from the $12 billion (£9.6 billion) sought by the bank to $9 billion.

Later, an attempt by the bank to regain the additional funds *by proposing a special fund of* $3 billion to be donated by big member nations was blocked by West Germany and Japan.

The increasing US opposition to the bank has lead to rumours that Mr Clausen will either resign or be replaced when his first term expires in 1986.

In his concluding remarks, Mr Clausen adopted a conciliatory tone, saying the annual meeting had been one of "encouragement and progress".

He said there was a degree of consensus emerging about proposed policies to reverse economic decline in sub-Saharan Africa, even though no additional funds had been pledged.

INDUSTRY TODAY

Putting UK first in the North Sea

By David Young

The Government is determined that offshore oil contracts should principally benefit British construction firms

From the air all North Sea oil production platforms look the same. The first sight of a platform through the clouds is impressive as orange flames roar from the flare stack and the drilling derricks tower above the heli-deck.

Down in the dining rooms the array of fresh sea-foods, salads and steaks helps compensate for the two-week-on and two-week-off routine as much as providing the nutrition needed to work for 12 hours at a stretch in one of the world's harshest environments. Roughnecks and roughage do not seem to go together and doctors have found problems associated with the low-fibre diet of many North Sea workers.

However, producing oil is the point of the platforms and it is the technical details and the engineering breakthroughs achieved by their designers and operators that make every one different from its near-neighbours and predecessors.

Conoco's Hutton platform has its tension legs stretching down to the sea-bed 600ft below giving it a technical advantage; Beryl B has its centrally placed drilling derricks and power plant to give it the advantage of lower weight and increased stability and the forthcoming Marathon Brae B platform will draw on the experience of the adjoining Brae A to make it as efficient and cost effective as possible.

However, there is the problem that all these technological breakthroughs were achieved at considerable cost and much of the foreign know-how had to be bought.

The North Sea lessons are seen as a saleable commodity and the problem in the past has been that Britain has not benefited as much as it should have from this. Too many techniques learnt have not been sold on to British companies.

For that reason the Department of Energy will be examining applications in the forthcoming ninth round of North Sea licensing in considerable detail. Any company also putting forward development plans for existing discoveries in the North Sea will be asked to make sure that as much technology as possible is passed on to British companies to enable them to win a larger share of the business.

The excuse that "we can not get the equipment we need outside Texas" will no longer be accepted. The Government is now prepared to tell companies to make sure that British industry is given every opportunity to bid for North Sea contracts.

If a proposal does not contain at least 72 per cent British content – even an 80 per cent yardstick might be applied – it will not be allowed. Any oil company which does not go as far as it can to use an even higher percentage of British equipment will find that the Department of Energy's memory is a long one and future proposals will be reviewed in the light of past performance.

Whether that prospect was uppermost in the mind of Mr J. L. "Corky" Frank, the United Kingdom head of Marathon, when he announced last week that 100 per cent of the construction contracts for the Marathon Brae B Platform were going to British yards is unlikely.

Mr Frank's explanation of his announcement – a "red letter day for the United Kingdom offshore industry" in the words of an enthusiastic Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, the Energy Minister – is more flattering for Britain.

The reason, according to him, is that the British yards tendering met not only price specifications but quality specifications. Foreign bids were lower, but Marathon's experience in building the huge Brae A platform – the company is unusual in the North Sea in carrying out its own project management – led it to return to British yards.

A company like Marathon has shown that it would never let nationalistic pressures get in the way of decisions involving investment of about £1.7 billion per platform, so the Department of Energy can probably be forgiven for its excessive display of public delight at the announcement of the order.

Mr John D'Ancona, head of the Department's Offshore Supplies Office which steers as much work as it can to Britain and tries to sell British oil industry's know-how abroad, is even more publicly approving of the Marathon decision.

"It is the mirror image of the decision made by North Sea Oil at the start of the year when they (Sun Oil representatives) went abroad with their contract for the Balmoral Field platform," he said.

"Marathon took a responsible view and the British yards responded responsibly and we have won these important contracts. This is the way that the business should operate in Britain."

Later next month Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary of State for Energy, will officially inaugurate the Mobil Beryl B platform in the Beryl field 170 miles north-east of Aberdeen. The field now has six of its 21 proposed wells ready and perfectly illustrates the technical demands placed on engineers to bring fields into production economically.

The Beryl platform has its share of North Sea firsts, including its drilling systems and the use of Roll-Royce RB211 "jumbo" engines for gas compression and electricity generation. It is developments such as this which the Government hopes the country can capitalize on and sell to countries such as India and China.

Mr Cullen Williams, the Beryl B project manager, said: "One important aspect of this project was the objective of maximizing the United Kingdom content of work. Mobil placed 80 per cent of the total value in the United Kingdom and when one considers the unavailability of some materials and services from the United Kingdom, for example heavy lifting vessels, this is a creditable achievement. To the best of our knowledge no other major offshore installation has equalled this percentage."

The Government intends that Mobil's proud boast will not be a short-lived record.

Estimated spending on new North Sea production to year 2000 on different assumptions

	£ billion (1984) Capital	Operating
Potential oil developments		
Three new platforms per year	23.9	11.6
Four new platforms per year	28.0	14.8
Five new platforms per year	29.2	17.3
Potential gas developments		
Three new platforms per year	3.3	1.4
Four new platforms per year	4.4	2.0
Five new platforms per year	5.3	2.6
Six new platforms per year	6.1	3.1
Possible gas condensate developments		
One platform per year	8.5	3.4

Source: United Kingdom Offshore Operators' Association.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1984 High	1984 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
146	119	Aberdeen	146	+2	6.9	4.7	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

1983/84 High	Low	Bid	Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

STOCK MARKET REPORT

FT-SE presses on to record high

By Derek Pain and Jonathan Clare

Shares, as measured by the FT-SE 100 index, hit a new peak yesterday. "Footsie" grew stronger as the day progressed. It opened with a modest 1.1 points gain but by the close was recording an 8.6 per cent. advance, taking it to a record 1,144.1.

The previous high was achieved in May when it touched 1,141.6.

But as "Footsie" went from strength to strength, the much more widely quoted FT 30 share index managed a mere 3 points rise to 872 points – still 50 points below the high it reached in May.

Shares were encouraged by falling US interest rates and another better performance by sterling on the foreign exchange market. Whispers of some progress in the miners' dispute also helped but, in general, the market continued to shrug off worries over the pit confrontation.

Oils were strong. Wednesday's spot prices were slightly higher and there is talk that the American crude reserves have fallen.

Shares of Oldacre Holdings are expected to come to the stock market on Wednesday through an introduction arranged by Stock Beech, the broker. There are already more than 200 shareholders. Oldacre, which has Mr Alan Bartlett (formerly with Newman Industries) as a non-executive director, achieved profits of £2.5m in the year ended-March. The company's interests spread from animal feed to vehicle distribution.

Government stocks shared in the fun. Although closing below their best levels they, nevertheless, achieved gains of up to £½. Exhaustion of the treasury 10½ per cent "tap" on Wednesday helped progress. So, of course did the tendency to lower interest rates.

Grand Metropolitan, the leisure complex, was one of the weakest FT index constituents, falling 10p to 288p, just 18p from its year's low. The shares have been as high as 360p this year. Grandmet, which fell 8p on Wednesday, has been unsettled by brokers' downgrading profit forecasts.

Panmure Gordon, one of the company's brokers, yesterday reduced its projection for the year from £337m which represents little, if any, second half year growth. For next year Panmure Gordon is shooting for £370m.

Such estimates are well below the heady figures which have been circulating in the City. Some analysts ahve been going for £370m this year with, perhaps, £430m next year.

But it is how being suggested that the City failed to react to some of the warning noises which have emerged from Grandmet since its interim statement in May.

In recent years Grandmet has reaped rich rewards from such activities as cheap US cigarettes and London casinos. Both have been hit recently by the cold wind of much more intense competition.

It seems that below expectation performances from these two divisions are the main factors behing the Panmure Gordon downgrading. The borker, however, remains keen on Grandmet. It has advised clients not to sell the shares.

However some borkers believe Grandmet forecasts are being pulled back too far. One hiterot anticipating £370m has cut his projection to £360m.

Ferranti, the electronics group, experienced revived rumours of a Plessey bid and rose 10p to 174p. Turkey contract hopes lifted **Trafalgar House** 11p to 290p.

Bank shares continued to draw inspiration from the Argentine loan agreement. **Barclays** gained 18p to 512p; **Lloyds** 15p to 507p; **Midland** 7p to 359p and **National Westminster** 10p to 537p. In the two days since the more relaxed Argentine loan position became apparent Barclays has risen 35p; Lloyds 38p; Midland 25p and Natwest 35p.

Other "money" stocks were firm. On lower interest rates hopes discount houses scored gains throughout the list but insurances were mixed. Continuing speculation about **Hogg Robinson**, among insurance brokers, lifted the shares 7p to 225p.

In the financial services shakeup Hogg, with its retail network, has become an attractive proposition. American Express is one which has been linked with the company on a number of occasions.

Among money brokers **Mills and Allen International** gained 10p to 328p. It is floating off its advertising side and its figures are due next month.

Shares of Fergabrook, the leisure goods and toys distributor, floated on the USM at 74p last week, climbed 3p to 92p yesterday. One reason for the progress is that one of its main suppliers, the American Lewis Galoob toys group, will obtain a US over-the-counter share presence today. There are suggestions that Galoob is a keen buyer of Fergabrook shares.

The all-round strength of the market was reflected in the shares of investment trusts which recorded modest gains throughout the list.

Latest USM newcomer, **The British Bloodstock Agency** got off to a racing start. Placed at 165p the shares romped ahead to 205p before settling at 203p.

East Lancashire Paper Group advanced 23p to 63p on the take over approach.

Sangers, where Mr Tom Whyte has 48 per cent, was suspended on a signalled American acquisition, believed to be a cosmetics business.

Terms have been agreed but Sangers is awaiting an accountants report. If the deal goes through it will dilute the Whyte stake to about 25 per cent of the group's equity.

Argyll Group's shares moved up 1p to 195p on news that Mr Jimmy Gulliver, the chairman, had sold 7.5 per cent of his stake in the company to raise about £800,000.

Mr Gulliver sold 410,432 shares to raise cash to help repay borrowings which were incurred during the merger of Argyll and Amalgamated Distilled Products. No further sales are planned.

Heavy promotional spending on its new lawn care products substantially affected the half year profits reported yesterday by **Spear & Jackson International**, the garden tool makers and engineers.

The company said that but for these costs profits would have been much higher than the £735,000 it turned in against last time's £387,000.

The market, which saw hopes of £2.2 million for the full year evaporate, marked the shares down from 168p to 152p. The undisclosed advertising costs are estimated at about £250,000 but will have less of an impact in the second half.

Full year results depend on several uncertain factors, mainly the number of US housing starts which affects demand for wood-cutting saw blades, the miners' strike which indirectly affects demand for metal cutting saw blades and retailers' beliefs about consumer expenditure which governs stock levels.

Wednesday's equity turnover was worth £278.126m from 15,062 bargains. Gilt deals were 2,068. Total number of UK and Irish shares traded was 160.8 million.

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Alphameric 5p Ord (95a)	119
Applied Holographics 5p Ord (180a)	170
Berkeley Group 25p Ord (85a)	116+4
Blue Arrow 25p Ord (75a)	91
Britannia Security 10p Ord (62.5a)	83+2
Bush Radio 10p Ord (88a)	76
Clogau Gold 10p Ord (30a)	27
Comp Fin Serv 5p Ord (85a)	85–2
Compsoft Hldgs 5p Ord (*a)	132
DDT Group 5p Ord (135a)	194–1
Entertainment Prod 5p Ord (58a)	48
Etam 10p Ord (95)	116
Extract Wool 50p Ord (105a)	140
Fergabrook Grp 20p Ord (74a)	92+2
Gaunt R 25p Ord (50a)	50+2
Gee/Rosen Org 5p Ord (33a)	33
Hobson 5p Ord (25a)	31
Hoggett Bowers 5p Ord (47a)	47
Ind Scot Energy £1 Ord (a)	135+10
Jaguar 25p Ord (165)	192
Mayfair & City Prop 25p Ord (100a)	109
Pacific Sales Org 10p Ord (60a)	43
Paul Michael L'wear 5p Ord (30a)	32
President Entertain 10p Ord (10½a)	15½
Telecomputing 10p Ord (a)	277
Tinsley (Eliza) Grp 5p Ord (55a)	60
Trade Promotion 10p Ord (75a)	79–2

Issue price in parentheses a Unlisted Securities; * by tender.

MONEY MARKETS

Clearing Banks Base Rate 10½

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 10¾ Low 7
Week Fixed: 10½-10⅜

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying	Selling
2 months 10⁹⁄₃₂	2 months 10⁷⁄₃₂
3 months 10⅛	3 months 10¹⁄₃₂

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) / Trades (Dis%)

1 month 10²⁵⁄₃₂-10⅝	1 month 11⅛
2 months 10⁹⁄₁₆-10⁷⁄₁₆	2 months 10¹⁵⁄₁₆
3 months 10⁹⁄₁₆-10⁷⁄₁₆	3 months 10²⁹⁄₃₂
6 months 10⁵⁄₃₂-9³¹⁄₃₂	6 months 10²¹⁄₃₂

Local Authority Bonds

1 month 11½-10⅞	7 months 11-10¾
2 months 11½-10⅞	8 months 11-10¾
3 months 11½-10⅞	9 months 11½-10⅞
4 months 11¼-10⅞	10 months 11-10¾
5 months 11½-10⅞	11 months 11½-10⅞
6 months 11-10¾	12 months 11½-10⅞

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates(%)

1 month 10⅞-10¹³⁄₁₆	6 months 10¹⁵⁄₁₆-10¹³⁄₁₆
3 months 10¹¹⁄₁₆-10⅝	12 months 10⁷⁄₁₆-10⅜

Local Authority Market(%)

1 day 10⅞	3 months 10¾
7 days 10⅞	6 months 10¾
1 month 10¾	1 year 10¾

Interbank Market(%)
Overnight: open 10½-10¼ Close 11-10

1 week 10¾-10⅝	6 months 10¹³⁄₁₆-10¹¹⁄₁₆
1 month 10¹³⁄₁₆-10¹¹⁄₁₆	9 months 10¹³⁄₁₆-10¹¹⁄₁₆
3 months 10¹³⁄₁₆-10¹¹⁄₁₆	12 months 10¹³⁄₁₆-10¹¹⁄₁₆

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt.Rate%)
3 months 10¹³⁄₁₆ 6 months 10¹³⁄₁₆

Finance House Base Rate 11½

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT and FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range September 27	Market rates close September 27	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.2395-1.2805	$1.2460-1.2470	0.05-0.07c disc	0.22-0.25c disc
Montreal	n a	$1.6410-1.6425	0.19-0.24c disc	0.54-0.67c disc
Amsterdam	n.a.	4.25-4.26fl	1⅞-1⅝c prem	5-4⅞c prem
Brussels	n a.	76.18-76.38f	1 prem-3c disc	2 prem-8c disc
Copenhagen	n.a.	13.6250-13.6430k	⅛-1⅛ore disc	2-3ore disc
Frankfurt	n.a.	3.7690-3.7750m	1⅜-1⅛pf prem	4⅞-4⅝pf prem
Lisbon	n.a.	198.65-200.00e	190-540e disc	530-1470e disc
Madrid	n.a	211.05-211.35p	60-90p disc	180-240p disc
Milan	n a.	2336.50-2343.00lr	8-11lr disc	27-32lr disc
Oslo	n.a.	10.88-10.89k	2⅛-2⅞ore disc	6⅞-7⅞ore disc
Paris	n.a.	11.54-11.56f	⅛ prem-⅛c disc	1⅞-3c disc
Stockholm	n.a.	10.6675-10.6775k	3⅛-3⅝ore disc	7⅞-8⅛ore disc
Tokyo	n.a	304.75-305.25y	1⅛-1y prem	3⅝-3⅛y prem
Vienna	n.a.	26.38-26.43sch	8⅞-7⅞gro prem	24⅞-21⅝gro prem
Zurich	n.a	3.1075-3.1175f	1⅜-1⅛c prem	4⅛-4⅛c prem
Dublin	1.2143-1.2210p	1.2160-1.2170p	15-24p disc	50-74p disc

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up 0.3 at 76.7 (day's range 76.7-76.4).

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.0270-1.0285
Singapore	2.1595-2.1610
Malaysia	2.3600-2.3615
Australia	0.8340-0.8350
Canada	1.3170-1.3175
Sweden	8.5650-8.5750
Norway	8.7450-8.7550
Denmark	10.9250-10.9350
West Germany	3.0310-3.0340
Switzerland	2.4960-2.4990
Netherlands	3.4000-3.4050
France	9.26-9.27
Japan	244.55-244.70
Italy	1880-1885
Belgium(Comm)	61.25-61.35
Hong Kong	7.8000-7.8050
Portugal	160-164
Spain	169.10-169.40
Austria	21.19-21.26

OTHER £ RATES

Australia	n.a.
Bahrein	0.4660-0.4700
Finland	7.8230-7.8630
Greece	154.30-156.30
Hongkong	n.a.
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.3690-0.3730
Malaysia	n.a.
Mexico	240-265
New Zealand	n.a.
Saudi Arabia	4 3965-4.4365
Singapore	n.a.
South Africa	n a.

EURO-$ DEPOSITS

(%) calls, 11½-10½; seven days, 11-10¾; one month, 11¹⁄₁₆-10¹⁵⁄₁₆; three months, 11⁷⁄₁₆-11⁵⁄₁₆; six months, 11⅝-11½.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber, coffee, cocoa, in £ per tonne; Sugar and gas oil in $ per metric tonne.

RUBBER	
Oct	640–00
Nov	660–15
Dec	670–25
Jan	680–35
Feb	690–40
Mar	700–55
Apr	710–60
May	720–75
Jun	730–85
Oct/Dec	660–35
Jan/Mar	685–55
Apr/Jun	720–80
SUGAR	
Oct	116.00–16.60
Dec	130.20–30.80
Mar	146.60–46.80
May	154.20–54.40
Aug	163.80–64.00
Oct	172.60–72.80
Dec	178.00–81.00
Vol	3455
COCOA	
Sep	2297–95
Dec	1979–78
Mar	1926–24
May	1918–17
July	1916–13
Sep	1919–18
Dec	1915–08
Vol	3139
COFFEE	
Sep	2365–2360
Nov	2379–2375
Jan	2280–2279
Mar	2220–2218
May	2220–2195
July	2190–2170
Sep	2160–2155
Vol	4593
GAS OIL	
Sep	243.00–41.50
Oct	248.50–46.25
Nov	249.75–49.50
Dec	253.25–52.75
Jan	253.50–53.25
Feb	250.00–49.75
Mar	247.00–44.00
Apr	243.00–37.00

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices:
Official turnover figures.
Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	1039.00–1040.00
Three months	1062.00–1062.50
T/O	11,600
Tone: Firmer.	
STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	1042.50–1043.00
Three months	1061.00–1062.00
T/O	Nil
Tone: Idle.	
TIN STANDARD	
Cash	9520–9540
Three months	9390–9400
T/O:	380
Tone: Easier.	
TIN HIGH-GRADE	
Cash	9520–9540
Three months	9420–9440
T/O:	7070
	Tone: Quiet.
LEAD	
Cash	327.00–328.00
Three months	331.00–332.00
T/O:	7050
Tone: Steady.	
ZINC STANDARD	
Cash	610.00–611.00
Three months	612.50–613.00
T/O:	4500
Tone: Steady.	

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
In US $ per oz.

Dec	352.40–52.10
Feb	359.40–57.80
Vol	149

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES
Rudolf Wolff Financial Services Ltd.

Mnth	Vol	Setlmt
YEN		
Dec'84		4127
Mar'85		
Jun'85		
Comment: Still.		
STERLING		
Dec'84	194	1.2507
Mar'85		1.2537
Jun'85		1.2577
Comment: Steady.		
D-MARK		
Dec'84	220	3346
Mar'85		3390
Jun'85		
Comment: Nervous.		
SWISS FRANC		
Dec'84	2	4067
Mar'85		
Jun'85		
Comment: Quiet.		
EURODOLLARS		
Dec'84	3161	8890
Mar'85	521	8867
Jun'85	69	8839
Sep'85	5	8815
Dec'85		
Comment: Steady.		
SHORT STERLING		
Dec'84	1847	8998
Mar'85	304	8993
Jun'85	33	8974
Sep'85	1	8950
Comment: Choppy.		
T-BONDS		
Dec'84	1285	6801
Mar'85		6714
Jun'85		
Comment: Improved.		
GILTS		
Dec'84	3146	10722
Mar'85	10	10704
Jun'85		10651
Sep'85		11002
Comment: Stronger		
FT-SE		
Dec'84	58	11450
Mar'85	147	11450
Jun'85		11460
Comment: Firmer Still.		

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 27: GB: Cattle, 96.08p per kg lw (-0.87). GB: Sheep, 144.60p per kg est d c w ([illegible]). GB: Pigs, 92.01p per kg lw (-0.04). England and Wales: Cattle nos. up 15.9 per cent, ave. price [illegible]. Sheep nos. up 8.0 per cent, ave. price [illegible]. Pig nos. down 7.4 per cent, ave. price 92.24p (-0.11). Scotland: Cattle nos. up 26.5 per cent, ave. price [illegible]. Sheep nos. up 17.7 per cent, ave. price [illegible]. Pig nos. up 57.6 per cent, ave. price [illegible].

TEMPUS

Dunlop prospects hinge on reconstruction

Any results from Dunlop these days are almost irrelevant in the context of the £400m-plus debt which hangs around the group's neck. The way forward is not through its trading performance but through a successful completion of the capital reconstruction package.

Confidence still runs high that it will be completed some time next month. The problems are not ones of principle but of the practical terms of what promises to be a highly complicated deal.

There is no doubt that without the reconstruction, the remains of the Dunlop group will go the same way as the European tyre business which was instrumental in creating the current mess.

There are still enough good businesses in the group to allow its recovery, and given the restrictions on working capital imposed by the financial problems, there are sufficiently encouraging signs of a viable trading future.

Yesterday's interim results showed pretax profits of £16m, up from £2m: on the surface a good improvement. However, the results of the European tyre business are excluded.

On a strict comparison profits would have been down by £3m. That was largely due to a poor performance from Malaysia, a little worrying, given that this is one of the favourite targets for sale as part of the reconstruction.

The group is not kidding itself that the reconstruction will be the bonanza it needs. However, it will allow the flexibility which Dunlop needs to operate effeciently and effectively.

George Wimpey

George Wimpey's interim results reveal the underlying lack of performance in British activities, especially on the housing front. The company's pretax profits for the half year were £23.1m, but £17m of that was accounted for by the sale of half its stake in Oldham Estates. Once that is stripped out, pretax profits are down to £6.1m compared with £8.2m for the same period last year.

Housing sales have slowed with Wimpey Homes selling 4,500 houses, a negligible rise on last year. The company attributes this to high interest rates deterring first time buyers; who make up 60 per cent of its housebuilding business.

Wimpey also admits that it has been affected by the adverse publicity attached to timber frame housing which makes up 60 per cent of its developments. Profit margins are being squeezed by the need to offer financial incentives to homebuyers, although the company will not put a figure on this.

Wimpey's finance director says that all the group's operations are coming under scrutiny in an attempt to eliminate non profitable employment of assets. It is part of the process started earlier in the year when the housebuilding contracting functions were separated under the new chairman, Mr Clifford Chetwood.

The company would not be drawn as to where cuts may come, but its overseas contracting operation which suffered a £41.7m loss last year, is very quiet at the moment.

Property disposals added £63.7m to George Wimpey's coffers to offset contracting losses but the company says it intends going ahead with its redevelopment of the Little Britain site in the City of London, among other schemes.

There will be a rise in borrowings but the company says this will decline at the year end because of the seasonal nature of the construction industry, an area where profit margins are also being squeezed.

Tootal

The decks are being cleared at Tootal for a takeover bid. That is the explanation for the unusual decision to write off £26m at the interim stage.

The bulk of these write-offs relate to the American Thread operation, and it is apparently this which Tootal's potential suitor, Nottingham Manufacturing, has had most reservations about.

Tootal has officially declared its restructuring complete, and has celebrated the group's transformation with an 84 per cent increase in pretax interim profits to £8.26m. The dividend has been bumped up by 9 per cent to 1.23p net, and the figures hold out the promise of similar improvements at the final stage, even though £1.5m of the profit was from property sales.

The other disappointing area is sales of wax batiks to West Africa. The region's economic problems have cut demand to the point where once substantial profits are now negligible. Faced with such bad luck, all Tootal can do is sit and hope the market picks up.

But is in the other parts of the group that the new strength is showing through. Clothing, which suffered from ineffectual marketing of the branded products, has capitalized on its position with Marks and Spencer and similar outlets, and has achieved much greater flexibility.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities at new high

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Sept 17. Dealings End, Today. § Contango Day, Oct 1. Settlement Day, Oct 8.
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

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No.	Company	Your gain or loss
	INDUSTRIALS A-D	
1	Cartwright (R)	
2	Brammer	
3	BOC	
4	Bridon	
5	BTR	
6	Babcock	
7	De La Rue	
8	Combined Tech	
9	Diploma	
10	Belgrave	
	FOODS	
11	RHM	
12	Alpine Drinks	
13	Park Foods	
14	Argyll	
15	Hillards	
16	Dee	
17	Utd Biscuits	
18	Nthn Foods	
19	Morrison (W)	
20	Tate & Lyle	
	PROPERTY	
21	McKay Secs	
22	Gr Portland	
23	Town Centre	
24	Peachey	
25	Sterling Guarantee	
26	Kent (MP)	
27	Br Land	
28	Greycoat City	
29	West & City	
30	Hallwood Gp	
	BUILDINGS AND ROADS	
31	Meyer Int	
32	Tarmac	
33	Aberdeen Constr	
34	French Kier	
35	Crouch (Derek)	
36	Burnett & Hallam	
37	Newarthill	
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COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● CHARTERHALL: Results for the year to June 30. Interim 0.6p (0.3p). Figures in £000.) Turnover 10,250 (3,181). Operating profit 3,092 (679) after exploration costs and provisions 1,107 (28) and administrative expenses 1,854 (1,261), but including other operating costs 655 (303). Pretax profit 2,530 (202) including interest received 170 (81) and minorities 222 (nil) but after interest payable 454 (504) and amounts written of investments nil (54). Tax 901 (audit 5). Earnings per share 3.19p (0.53p). Shares 67 up.

● JOVE INVESTMENT TRUST: Six months to August 31. Interim 2.31p (2.1p) per income share. (Figures in £000.) Group gross revenue 647 (591). Tax 157 (127). Net asset value per income share 51.38p (51.21p) at August 31. Net asset value per capital share 20.67p (13.02p).

● ABERDEEN CONSTRUCTION: Half year to June 30. Interim 2.2p (2.1p). (Figures in £000). Turnover 42,483 (40,547) excluding intra company sales. Pretax profit 1,705 (1,742) including finance credits 464 (99). Tax 770 (905). Earnings per share 5.65p 6.13p adjusted). Shares 166 down 4.

● SANDHURST MARKETING: Half-year to July 31. Interim 0.389p (0.278p). Warrants posted November 16. (Figures in £000): Group turnover 11,384 (8,799). Operating profit 1,133 (728). Pretax profit 1,018 (552). Tax 357 (210). Minorities 13 (nil). Extraordinary debits 23 (nil). Earnings per share pre-extraordinary items 2.74p (1.66p) and 2.72p (1.5p) diluted. Shares 92 up 1.

● JAMES WILKES: Interim 1.5p (1.5p). (Figures in £000): Turnover 2,617 (2,827) for half-year to June 30. Trading profit 296 (73). Tax 75 (20). Minorities nil (2). Extraordinary debit 258 (credit 99). Earnings per share 6.8p (1.59p).

● DOWDING AND MILLS: Final 1.5p making 2.45p (2.15p) for year to June 30. (Figures in £000): Group turnover 21,312 (18,104). Pretax profit 2,613 (1,948). Tax 889 (548). Earnings per share 5.42p (4.63p). Shares 60 up 3.

● HADSON PETROLEUM INTERNATIONAL: Six months to June 30. No interim (nil). (Figures in £000). Pretax loss 280 (profit 341) after provision against exploration costs 581 (nil) and administrative expenses 401 (312), but including interest income 429 (466) and unrealized exchange gain on loan to parent company 273 (187). Tax 76 (18). Loss per share 0.57p (earnings 0.52p). Shares 54p, down 2p.

● W W GROUP: Six months to June 30. Interim 1.94p (same). (Figures in £000). Sales 13,159 (12,003). Trading profit 680 (598). Pretax profit 405 (268) after Interest payable 136 (223) and depreciation 139 (107). Tax 151 (76). Extraordinary credit nil (313). Earnings per share 10.32p (7.78p). Shares unchanged at 160.

● COURTNEY POPE HOLDINGS: Final 4.5p making 6.5p (4.8p) for year to May 31. (Figures in £000). Turnover 34,428 (28,943). Profit before tax 1,546 (1,102). Tax credit 7 (187 debit). Earnings per share 30.49p (17.96p). Shares 143 up 12.

● FERRY PICKERING GROUP: Final 1.7p making 2.7p (2.36p) for the year to June 3. (Figures in £000). Turnover 9,769 (9,969). Trading profit 1,132 (1,229). Interest and rents received 179 (143). Pretax profit 1,310 (1,373). Tax 343 (465). minorities 3 (3). Extraordinary debit 582 (nil) – deferred tax provision. Earnings per share 8.5p (8.42p – adjusted). Shares 73 down 6.

● BENTALLS: Half year to July 28. Intrim 0.35p (same). (Figures in £000). Turnover excluding vat 26,241 (25,669 restated). Operating profit 435 (645). Interest paid 70 (93). Pretax profit 364 (552). Tax 114 (22 adjusted), extraordinary debit 79 (nil). Earnings per ordinary share 0.60p (0.79p). Shares 47 down 1.

● STRIKES RESTAURANTS: Results for 28 weeks to July 15. Interim 0.5p (same). (Figures in £000). Turnover 3,320 (2,940) pretax profit 267 (291). Tax 71 (79). Earnings for share ES 3.2p.

● WHATMAN REEVE ANGEL: Six months to June30. Interim 3.4p. 26 per cent increase, payable on November 2. (Figures in £000). Group turnover 14,821 (11,231). Pretax profit 2,204 (1,647). Tax 1,089 (869). Earnings per share 25.6p (17.9p).

● THOMAS NATIONWIDE TRANSPORT: Final 3 cents making 12 cents (same) for the year to June 30. (Figures in A$000). Turnover 1,749,974 (1,949,639). Tax 12,424 (4,558). Extraordinary debit 16,947 (12,284). Attrib profit 13,273 (18,853). Earnings per share 15 cents (15.5 cents).

● F H TOMKINS: The chairman Mr Michael Moore, told the annual meeting that the results of the first quarter of the present fiscal year and the company's subsequent trading "have justified our confidence and have reaffirmed our belief in the prospects of your company".

● THROGMORTON SECURED GROWTH TRUST: Final 2p making 3p (2.7875p) for 12 months to July 31. (Figures in £000). Revenue, dividends and interest received830 (789). Interest and underwriting commission 11 (9). Interest from subsidiaries 17 (18). Expenses and interest 397 (396). Pretax profit 461 (420). Tax 140 (127). Earnings per share 3.21p (2.93p). Dividend payable on November 13.

● CENTRAL INDEPENDENT TELEVISION: Six months to June 30. Interim dividend 2.5p (nil), payable on November 8. (Figures in £000). Net income 68,606 (57,851). Pretax profit 2,815 (1,828) after exchequer levy 1,721 (16). Tax 1,138 (993). Earnings per share 6.7p (3.3p).

APPOINTMENTS

Shell UK: Mr John Collins has been appointed a managing director of Shell Chemicals UK from Monday, on the retirement of Mr Keith Walley.

F. W. Woolworth: Mr Derek Pretty (finance), Mr Chris French (management information systems) and Mr Jonathan Weeks (distribution) have been elected to the board.

Ford for Europe: Mr Alex J. Trotman has been named president. He is president of Ford Asia-Pacific based in Australia, and will take up his new duties on Monday.

Terra Nova: Mr Christopher H. S. Burbridge becomes director of non-marine underwriting of Terra Nova Insurance Company from October 15. He will be appointed a member of the board of Terra Nova and also of its Management Advisory Board.

Jardine Insurance Brokers Holdings: Mr W. S. D. Barnes has been made chief financial officer, retail broking.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	10½%
Adam & Company	10½%
Barclays	10½%
BCCI	10½%
Citibank Savings †	12 %
Consolidated Crds	10½%
Continental Trust	10½%
C. Hoare & Co *	10½%
Lloyds Bank	10½%
Midland Bank	10½%
Nat Westminster	10½%
TSB	10½%
Williams & Glyn's	10½%
Citibank NA	10½%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 7¼%. £10,000 up to £50,000, 8%; £50,000 and over, 8¼%.

WALL STREET

New York (AP – Dow Jones) – Prices opened higher yesterday in active trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Dow Jones industrial average which gained 4.96 to 1,212.12 on Wednesday, was ahead 3.64 to 1,215.76 soon after the market opened.

Advances led declines 506-199 among the 1,043 issues crossing the tape, and early turnover amounted to about 4,673,000 shares.

Investors heard good news early yesterday as several leading banks cut their prime rates.

	Sept 26	Sept 25
AMF Inc	16½	16¼
AMR	27½	26½
Allied Chem	35¼	35¼
Allied Stores	48	47½
Allis Chalmers	10½	10½
Alcoa	33½	33½
Amax Inc	19½	19½
Amerada Hess	28½	28½
Am Brands	61½	61½
Am Broadcast	70	71¼
Am Can	48½	48½
Am Cyanamid	47½	47½
Am Elec Power	19½	19¼
Am Home	48¼	48½
Am Motors	4¼	4½
Am Nat Res	36¼	36½
Am Standard	31½	31¼
Am Telephone	19¼	19½
Armco Steel	11¼	11¼
Asarco	21½	21½
Ashland Oil	25½	25½
Atlantic Richfield	51½	51
Avco	34	33½
Avon Products	24½	24¼
Bankers Tst NY	30½	30½
Bank of America	17½	18
Bank of Boston	37	36½
Bank of NY	32½	31½
Beatrice Foods	26¼	26½
Bethlehem Steel	19½	18½
Boeing	54½	54½
Boise Cascade	38	38½
Borden	61½	61½
Borg Warner	21½	21½
Bristol Myers	46½	46½
BP	25½	25½
Burlington Ind	26½	26½
Burlington Nthn	48½	47½
Burroughs	54¼	54
Campbell Soup	68½	66½
Canadian Pacific	35½	35
Caterpillar	35½	35¼
Celanese	73½	73½
Central Soya	15¼	15½
Chase Manhtn	44½	43½
Chem Bank NY	30½	30½
Chevron	36¼	36½
Chrysler	31½	31½
Citicorp	37½	36¼
Clark Equip	27½	27½
Coca Cola	62½	62½
Colgate	23½	24
CBS	81¼	81½
Columbia Gas	31	30¼
Combustion Eng	29½	29¼
Comwlth Edison	28½	29½
Cons Edison	28	27½
Cons Foods	30½	31
Cons Power	4½	4½
Continental Grp	57½	57½
Control Data	27½	26½
Corning Glass	67½	67½
CPC Intl	39½	39½
Crane	33½	34
Crocker Int	23½	23½
Crown Zeller	29½	30½
Dart & Kraft	78½	78½
Deere	30½	29½
Delta Air	32½	33
Detroit Edison	14	14
Digital Equip	98	97½
Disney	58½	59½
Dow Chemical	27½	27½
Dresser Ind	21	21½
Duke Power	27½	27½
Du Pont	49½	48½
Eastern Air	3½	3½
Eastman Kodak	71½	72½
Eaton Corp	50½	50½
Emerson Elect	67½	68½
Evans Prod	4½	4½
Exxon Corp	44½	44½

	Sept 26	Sept 25
Fed Dept Stores	53	53¼
Firestone	19½	19½
Fst Chicago	26	25½
Fst Interst Bncp	38½	38½
Fst Penn Corp	6½	6½
Ford	47½	46½
GAF Corp	22	22½
GTE Corp	40½	40½
Gen Corp	37	37½
Gen Dynamics	62½	63½
Gen Electric	55½	55½
Gen Foods	57½	56¼
Gen Mills	54½	55
Gen Motors	79¼	78½
Gen Pub Util NY	9½	9½
Genesco	6½	6½
Georgia Pacific	20¼	20½
Gillette	51½	51½
Goodrich	27½	27½
Goodyear	26¼	26½
Gould Inc	25	25½
Grace	42½	42½
Gt Atlte & Pacific	15½	15¼
Greyhound	23½	23½
Grumman Corp	28½	28½
Gulf & West	27½	27½
Heinz H. J.	42½	41½
Hercules	32½	33½
Honeywell	59	61½
IC Inds	34½	34
Ingersoll	42½	42½
Inland Steel	23	23½
IBM	124½	124
Int Harvester	7½	7½
INCO	11½	11½
Int Paper	51	50½
Int Tel Tel	28½	28½
Irving Bank	39½	39½
Jewel Co	71½	71½
Jim Walter	27½	27½
Johnson & John	32½	32½
Kaiser Alumin	14¼	14¼
Kerr McGee	32½	33
Kimberly Clark	45½	45½
K Mart	34½	34½
Kroger	37½	37½
L T V Corp	11½	12¼
Litton	67½	69
Lockheed	44½	43½
Lucky Stores	18½	18½
Manuf Hanover	31½	30½
Manville Cp	6½	6½
Mapco	26½	26½
Marine Midland	38½	28½
Martin Marietta	38½	38½
McDonnell	66	66½
Mead	34½	33½
Merck	85¼	83½
Minnesota Mng	76½	77½
Mobil Oil	29½	28½
Monsanto	46½	46½
Morgan J.P.	72	72
Motorola	37	39½
NCR Corp	23½	24
NL Industries	14	13½
Nabisco	49½	49½
Nat Distillers	25½	25½
Nat Med Ent	21½	21½
Norfolk South	55½	55½
NW Bancorp	27	26½
Occidental Pet	29½	29½
Ogden	25½	25½
Olin Corp	33	32½
Owens-Illinois	41½	41½
Pacific Gas Elec	14½	14½
Pan Am	4½	4½
Penney J. C.	52½	52½
Pennzoil	38½	38½
Pepsico	43½	43½
Pfizer	35½	35½
Phelps Dodge	15½	15½
Philip Morris	78	77½

	Sept 26	Sept 25
Phillips Petrol	39½	38½
Polaroid	29½	29½
PPG Ind	34½	35½
Proctor Gamble	56½	56½
Pub Ser El & Gas	25	25
Raytheon	40½	40½
RCA Corp	35½	35½
Reynolds Ind	66½	66½
Reynolds Metal	29½	29½
Rockwell Int	28½	28½
Royal Dutch	52½	51
Safeways	28½	28½
St Regis Paper	52½	53½
SFE Sopac	25½	25½
SCM	40½	41½
Schlumberger	45½	45
Scott Paper	30	29½
Seagram	37½	37½
Sears Roebuck	34½	34½
Shell Oil	56½	56½
Shell Trans	33	34
Signal Co	30½	31½
Singer	31½	32
Smithkline Beck	55½	55½
Sony	16½	15½
Sth Cal Edison	22½	21½
Sperry Corp	36½	38½
Std Oil Indiana	60½	59½
Std Oil Ohio	47½	46½
Sterling Drug	26½	26½
Stevens J. P.	16	16½
Sun Comp	50½	50
Teledyne	283½	283
Tenneco	36½	37½
Texaco	37½	36½
Texas East Corp	31½	31½
Texas Inst	124	129½
Texas Utilities	25½	24½
Textron	30½	30½
TWA	28½	28
Travelers Corp	34½	34½
TRW Inc	72½	72½
UAL Inc	38½	38½
Union Carbide	49½	50½
Unocal	39½	38½
Un Pacific Corp	39½	39½
Uniroyal	14	14½
United Brands	14½	13½
US Steel	25	24½
Utd Technol	38½	37½
Wachovia	26	25½
Warner Comm	20½	20½
Warner Lambert	31½	31
Wells Fargo	41½	41½
Westnghse Elec	25½	25½
Weyerhauser	26½	26½
Whirlpool	42	42
Woolworth	36	35½
Xerox Corp	37½	37½
Zenith	24½	24½
Canadian Prices		
Abitibi	33	32½
Alcan Alumin	35	34½
Algoma Steel	21½	21½
Bell Telephone	32½	32½
Can Pacific	46½	46½
Cominco	15	15½
Cons Bathurst	14½	14½
Gulf Oil	19½	19
Hiker/Sid Can	19½	19
Hudson Bay Mng	8½	9½
Imasco	41½	41½
Imperial Oil	42½	42½
Int Pipe	32½	32½
Mass.-Ferguson	3.750	3.63
Royal Trustco	30½	31
Seagram	49½	49
Steel Co	23½	23½
Thomson N 'A'	44½	44½
Walker Hiram	24½	24½
WCT	13½	13½

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BOXING

Mittee dreams of being busiest boxer in England

By Sirkumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Sylvester Mittee, the Bethnal Green welterweight who came out of retirement nine months ago, looks like being the busiest boxer in Britain if things go according to plan. Already with six inside-the-distance wins in his new career, Mittee is three jumps ahead of everyone else.

He boxes Fighting Romanus, of Lagos, at the Britannia Leisure Centre for the Commonwealth title vacated by Colin Jones, then intends to challenge Lloyd Honeyghan for the British title and follow that up with a contest with a world-ranked boxer.

Romanus's manager, Ademola Omotoso, however, says that Mittee will fall at the first hurdle. "I have heard a lot about Mittee, but Romanus will stop him", he said yesterday. The Nigerian, who comes from Dick Tiger country, was a member of the Nigerian Olympic team that did not reach Montreal, and as such received sound training from Hogan Bassey, the former world featherweight champion. Romanus, who arrives on Monday, will be loosening up at Freddie Hill's place in Lavender Hill.


Andries: feels ignored

Also on the Shoreditch bill, Dennis Andries defends his British light-heavyweight title against Devon Bailey. Andries, who feels that he has been ignored by the fans after he won this title in an undersize ring at the Lyceum, aimed to establish himself by bringing the Rolls-Royce mechanic down a peg and making the Lonsdale Belt his own.

● Munich (Reuter) – Jimmy Cable, of Britain, makes the first defence of his European light-middleweight title when he meets the experienced Georg Steinherr, of West Germany, tonight.

Cable, who has lost only three of his 28 fights, will be keen to live down a recent reputation for being vulnerable to a well-judged right hook. The British boxer was downed three times by Said Skouma in Toulouse in May but stopped the Frenchman in the eleventh round to claim the European title vacated by Herol Graham.

The German retired from the ring in May 1980, when he lost a European title fight to another Briton, Kevin Finnegan.

● The Amateur Boxing Association (ABA) are considering the introduction of trust funds to stem the flow of hard-up youngsters into the professional ranks and lead to greater success at international level. Len Mills, the ABA secretary, has sought advice from the British Amateur Athletic Board, who have set up funds for athletes such as Sebastian Coe and Steve Cram. Mills is preparing a detailed scheme aimed at attracting national and local sponsorship.

● *Chris Pyatt, of Leicester, who is unbeaten, will meet Brian Anderson, of Sheffield, the central area middleweight champion, over 10 rounds at 11st on November 16. Johnny Griffin, the promoter, has formally applied for the fight to be recognized by the British Boxing Board of Control as a final eliminator for the British light-middleweight title.*

RUGBY LEAGUE

England go forward with a new quartet

By Keith Macklin

One surprise new choice appears in a powerful and experienced England team to play Wales at Ebbw vale on October 14. He is Hugh Waddell, the robust former Staffordshire Rugby Union forward who went to Blackpool to ask for trials with the second division club, Blackpool Borough, and has made a big impact in the past two seasons.

Waddell, who scored the two late tries with which Blackpool overturned the first devision leaders, Oldham, in the Lancashire Cup, has been watched by several first division clubs, including Hull Kingston Rovers. He is one of four new senior internationals. The others are the Castleford hooker, Beardmore, the big Hull Kingston Rovers forward, Kelly and the skilful young Hull forward, Divorty.

England's powerful team includes nine players who were on tour with Great Britain in Australia and New Zealand in the summer. A tenth player, the scrum half, Cairns, played for Great Britain last season.

England: K Mumby (capt) (Bradford Northern), D Drummon (Leigh), G Schofield (Hull), E Hanley (Bradford Northern), G Clark (Hull Kingston Rovers), S Donlan (Leigh), D Cairns (Barrow), D Hobbs (Featherstone Rovers), K Beardmore (Castleford), H Waddell (Blackpool Borough), A Kelly (Hull Kingston Rovers), A Goodway (Oldham), G Chorty (Hull). Subs: B Ledger (St Helens), M Ruddart (Whitehaven).

● The draws for the semi-finals of the county cups were made yesterday. In Lancashire, Salford or Blackpool Borough will entertain Wigan, while St Helens are at home to Leigh.

In Yorkshire, yet another all Humberside final seems certain as Kingston Rovers travel to Featherstone and Hull entertain Leeds.

The so-called "gouging saga" ended yesterday when the disciplinary committee viewed a Wigan Club video of the Castleford v Wigan game, and decided that the sending-off was sufficient punishment for John Pendlebury, the Wigan loose forward who was sent off after claiming that his eye had been gouged.

CRICKET

Ticket prices upset Indian supporters

New Delhi (Reuter) – Australia arrived here yesterday amidst a controversy over the price of tickets for their first one-day match against India today. The tickets, at 25 rupees (£2), 50 rupees (£4) and 250 rupees (£20), were described as "exorbitant" by the *Indian Express* in an editorial yesterday. The highest-priced ticket to watch one day's Test cricket is about 100 rupees and the lowest five rupees. An unskilled Indian worker earns about 10 rupees a day.

There was also a cloud over the match because of the decision to give most of the proceeds to the Indian Public School Society, which manage India's elite schools.

The Australian captain, Kim Hughes, predicts an arduous two weeks for his fast bowlers during the series of five one-day matches, which will be supplemented by a sixth limited-over contest against Bombay, the Indian champions, on October 8, before the touring side return home.

Hughes said his players were eager to avenge their World Cup defeat by India in England last year. "We expect our fast bowlers especially Rodney Hogg and Geoff Lawson, to be effective against the Indians", Hughes said. He last led Australia in India in 1979.

The Indian captain, Sunil Gavaskar, said his team was one of the fittest he had played with, and had benefited from a special training camp during the past week.

Both captains said they would inspect the pitch at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium here, before deciding on their teams for today's match, which will start in the afternoon and continue under floodlights. "We hope for wickets which are true and flat, with the ball coming on to the bat," Hughes said. The five left-handed batsmen in the side could cause difficulties for the Indian attack, he added.

Gavaskar said: "The Australians have more experience of night cricket than us and that could help them in tomorrow's match. But they may still be suffering from the effects of jet lag."

Mike Gatting interview, page 20.

VOLLEYBALL

Preparing for lift-off

By Paul Harrison

Living with failure can be impossible, but coping with success can also bring problems, as the English Volleyball Association is finding out.

Volleyball has reached the launching pad, the EVA is sure of that. What it needs now is the propulsion to lift it into orbit. After the success of last year's televised events in Britain and the reflected glory of the Olympic tournament, businessmen, admen and PR men are agreed that volleyball is the right vehicle for products aimed at the upwardly mobile.

Britvic, the soft drink manufacturers, are already on board, with a three-year agreement to sponsor the national league worth around £30,000. Others can be persuaded to take the trip, and the EVA is heavily involved in negotiations which are, as they say, "at a delicate stage".

Volleyball has been a late starter in Britain. It did not begin in earnest here until the late 1950s, mainly through the influence of Polish immigrants. The growing-up process has been a long and, at times, painful one. The signs are, however, that the sport now knows where it wants to go.

The policy of running special events each year with the backing of television is to be continued, with invitations already sent out to some of the world's top teams to come to Britain next year for two tournaments. Next year will also be the sport's junior development year, while the EVA are sure more can be made of beach volleyball as a means of catching people's interest.

This weekend sees the first round of the men's knock-out cup, while league matches begin with the women.

RUGBY UNION: SELECTORS TURN TO OLD GUARD OF COLCLOUGH AND HARE FOR WARM-UP GAMES

Divisions play it safe as they prepare to meet Australia

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The Midland and the Northern Divisions will be selecting teams next week to play friendly matches in preparation for the visit of the Australians – the Midlands play Leinster at Coventry on October 16, and the North meet Ulster at Ravenhill the following day. London will also be announcing a divisional squad in training for their tour game.

The divisional selectors approach the games pragmatically. They are picking the team they think will stand the best chance of beating Australia. As things stand this is obvious, but in terms of a sustained divisional competition which once we had, now have no longer, but which many would see again, it goes against the grain.

The Midlands, for instance, include Hare, the Leicester fullback, in their squad of three dozen. London have asked Colclough, the Wasps lock, to captain their side to meet the Australians in the opening tour match on October 17. But both players have stated their intention of confining their rugby to club games rather than internationals, whereas any divisional competition would lead naturally towards possible England status. There would therefore be little point in selecting players for a divisional side who did not want to represent their country.

The issue is symptomatic of the cleft stick in which English rugby finds itself. The North have an additional problem: of their 51-strong squad, four will be at Cambridge University, who obviously wish to have them present during this term's club programme. The quartet are Andrew, recently elevated to the England bench; Clough, the former Durham University centre, who is due to start at Cambridge this term; Simms, the Liverpool centre, and Ellison, the Headingley No 8.

All must be regarded as contenders for the North side to play Australia at Waterloo on November 28. On the same day, Cambridge play their annual match against Mickey Steele-Bodger's XV, a game in which potential Blues have been known to be made or unmade. A good showing in a divisional match could clinch a place in the England squad; the same can hardly be said of the Universities game. Once again, the unfortunate player is faced with a clash of loyalties.

We have known for a long time that the leading players have too much rugby. Tony Jorden, chairman of the London selectors, wrote to London clubs this month asking them to try wherever possible not to impose extra demands. This is not a new step, but the players themselves often feel that they must appear as often as possible to get themselves noticed and do so sometimes even when they are carry injuries.

It was pointed out recently to one player who will be at Twickenham tomorrow that he would actually harm his cause by playing in every game possible if the played badly. *But that is a risk many will run for* fear of losing ground to their rivals. It is the established players who can afford to lay down some of their own ground rules, for example they that will play only one game a week and would prefer not to appear on the week-end before an international.

How many established players do England have at the moment? Wherever you go, you encounter technical administrators who say there is too much rugby and not enough training for rugby. You do not learn skills in matches where, to take an extreme example, a wing may touch the ball two or three times only.

Perhaps these difficulties will come under discussion at today's meeting of the Rugby Football Union committee which is to discuss the state of the game. It will be, I understand, an open-ended affair without a specific agenda, though it would be encouraging to believe that the Burgess Report will come under review.



The fates seem to be against those chosen to captain the RFU Prsident's XV, who play England at Twickenham tomorrow (David Hands writes). Irvine, the former Scotland full back, who was the second choice as captain after the withdrawal of Rives, the French flanker, yesterday himself had to pull out of the game after straining a hamstring in training.

The side will now be led by Leslie (above), the Gala and Scotland flanker, with Howell Davies, of Bridgend and Wales, at full back. The appointment of Leslie, overlooked for the Lions tour in 1983, will be well received.

Davies, capped four times last season, will join the squad for training at the Lensbury Club today, when they will work against a pack from the West London Institute at Borough Road.

The game is to be sponsored by *Rothmans of Pall Mall*, who launched the thirteenth edition of the Rothmans Rugby Union yearbook yesterday. Leslie is nominated as player of the year in the yearbook.

Colclough, the Wasps and England lock, is to lead the London division against the Australians on October 17 at Twickenham. Colclough stated his intention of retiring from international rugby last season; he has played once for Wasps second team this season.

Fittest teams have the early edge

Schools Rugby by Michael Stevenson

As the school's season gets underway, fitness as ever becomes an increasingly vital factor. **King's, Tynemouth** held out convincingly at **Loretto** for half an hour before Loretto's command of the set-pieces began to tell.

At half-time Loretto led 10-0 through tries *by* Galbraith *and* Bruce with McCreath kicking a conversion; in the second half King's came back strongly through a try by Durkin, which Pape converted, but a second try by Bruce, plus a penalty by McCreath guaranteed victory for Loretto (17-6).

Beattie, the **Norwich** fly-half, had kicked two penalties against Gresham's when he went off with a knee injury 10 minutes before half-time. By the time he hobbled back on for the second half, Norwich had missed three kickable penalties and were trailing 10-6, following two tries from by Ierodiakosou, one of which was converted by Buckingham. Two penalties by Buckingham extended Gresham's winning margin to 16-6.

Neither **St Edward's, Oxford** nor **Marlborough** has a strong side this year but the more lively Marlborough just deserved to win 12-9. They scored the game's only try, through Stewart, converted by Hicks, who also kicked a penalty in each half. All the Oxford school's points came from their No 8, Sadler, who kicked three penalties.

All the tries resulted from handling errors when **St Edward's College, Liverpool** entertained **West Park** in gales and squally rain. West Park won 14-6 after trailing 6-4 at half-time.

Bromsgrove, who believe they broke their school record with the 54-0 defeat of **Dean Close** on Saturday, followed that with a 38-8 victory on Tuesday over **Old Swinford Hospital**.

Cowley beat **Ormskirk Grammar School** 64-0. **Birkenhead** beat **Liverpool College** 37-7 and **William Hulme's GS** 36-0 and **Arnold School** defeated **Morecambe HS** 62-0.

Wales stay firm over punishment system

By Gerald Davies

Tim Waldron, of Neath, and Stuart Griffiths, of Newbridge, were sent off the field when the two teams met on Wednesday night. Were they to be in the same position as Steve Bainbridge, with claims to national selection, they would not suffer the same fate. Bainbridge, if he played his rugby in Wales, could still look forward, despite his sending-off, to a season of international rugby.

While the code of conduct is drawn up by the International Board, it is the responsibility of the individual unions to determine the extent of the punishment. In Bainbridge's case, with him playing in England, he is automatically suspended for 30 days. Further disciplinary action ensures that he will not play for England this season. Having tasted the addictive flavour of competition at the highest level, it is going to be a long season indeed.

The disciplinary committee in Wales would not have been so severe as to take that secondary action. Not yet, anyway. Normally, without an incoming touring team, a sending-off would not preclude a player from selection for the Welsh team chosen in January to play in the five nations championship.

"We are quite happy with the way our disciplinary procedure works", Ray Williams, secretary of the Welsh Rugby Union, said. "Since the referee is the sole judge of fact, we accept that the player is guilty of the offence. The committee considers the referee's report and administers the punishment. The player, having seen the report, does not have the right of reply. We belive it correct to acknowledge this procedure. There have been cases of mistaken identity in the past.

"We take into account the nature and severity of the offence, and there is a sliding scale which we operate. The first offence gets three weeks, most probably it would be doubled for the second. The type of offence – a punch or a kick – is taken into account, as is the player's own record of misconduct. Persistent offenders have been suspended for six months. Last year a club suspended a player *sine die.*"

The Welsh Rugby Union do not believe that a player should be punished twice. "We do accept, howver," Mr Williams added, "that a player who is representing his country has a special responsibility to uphold his own best standards and the standard of the game. If a player is sent off immediately prior to the five nations championship he would not be considered for the national squad. It he were already in it, then he would be removed."

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OLYMPIC GAMES: CHANGES IN CHARTER

Los Angeles profits could be shared by Third World

From David Miller, Seoul

Members of the International Olympic Committee, gathering here for the official opening tomorrow of South Korea's new stadium for the Olympic Games of 1988 – the kind of delivery schedule that British employers and unions find difficult to emulate – are anxious to get to grips as soon as possible with what some regard as the Great American Olympic Coup.

Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, is to initiate regulation changes in the charter which will ensure that no future Olympic organizing committee can walk away with $90m (£72m) or 60 per cent of the 1984 profits, which is what the US Olympic Committee is about to do under the peculiar and special contract made between themselves, the City of Los Angeles and the IOC. It was only by this method that Lord Killanin, Samranceh's predecessor, was reluctantly able to find a host city for this year's Games when Tehran withdrew their candidature five years ago.

"It was an ironic outcome to the 1984 games," Samaranch said yesterday, "when you consider that right up the last moment in July the IOC was giving every assistance and paying money to the Los Angeles organizing committee because we thought they were financially in difficulties." On just one item, for the tickets they required, the IOC paid $200,000.

There were provisions within the IOC charter for the distribution of profits – though this has not been a factor since 1948 – but they cannot be applied under the unique provisions of the contract made for 1984. The success of Peter Uebertoth's committee is proving to be something of a mixed blessing. Samaranch is hoping that Harry Usher, the vice-president of the Los Angeles Committee, who is expected to arrive here, can help resolve a formula for Ueberroth's suggestion that $25m out of the residue not claimed by the USOC can be fairly distributed among the developing countries of the third world who participated in the United States.

The Olympic Solidarity Commission, under the chairmanship of anselmo Luiz of Spain, will be helping to devise the formula for such a distribution.

On the one hand, the financial success of the Games in Los Angeles is a substantial encouragement for the survival of the Olympics, proving that it is possible still to host the event in a capitalist country without suffering the heavy losses of Montreal. Part of the reason for this year's substantial profit – about £120m the last time the Bank of England blinked at the downward exchange rate – is that ABC Television did not ask for a rebate because of the Soviet block boycott. Television ratings in the United States were successful beyond all expectations, because of American dominance, so that *the budget* of $600m, only a third of Moscow's expenditre in 1980, was not dented but handsomely exceeded, largely because of the six million spectators attending the various sports.

Against that, there is a suspicion that the LA committee may have over-pleaded their poverty in the restrictions which they placed on some normally standard facilities. As s private, non-profit company, with no state or federal taxation *fund to fall back upon, the* organizing committee had to be sure they broke the right side of the cost line. But $150m the right side?

Those who complain that the United States is taking the Lion's share of the surplus should remember, however, that without more than $400m of US television and sponsorship money there would have been no Olympic Games this year.

Russians to visit S Korea

Seoul (Reuter) – Delegates from the Soviet Union, Hungary and Romania will attend the opening of the new Olympic stadium tomorrow, raising hopes that Moscow will not *boycott the 1988 summer Games.* They will be the first Russians to visit Seoul since a South Korean airliner with 269 people aboard was shot down by Soviet fighters

South Korea does not have diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union or any other Communist nations and Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, has acknowledged this could lead to problems for the 1988 Games. He said in Lausanne on Monday that the IOC's choice of Seoul for the Games was irrevocable.

South Korea has recently reopened contact with the Soviet Union with a view to avoiding a repetition of the Soviet boycott of the Los Angeles Olympics. Mr Samaranch, who held talks with the Soviet sports leader, Marat Gramov, in Moscow last week, hopes to know by the end of the year whether the Russians will compete in Seoul.

Coe helping Britain prepare for Seoul

Sebastian Coe is to launch a Sports Council blueprint for success for the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, South Korea.

Coe, a Council member, who retained the 1500 metres title in Los Angeles, *will invite representatives* of all Olympic sports to a meeting in London later this year. The aim is to ensure they make the most effective use of funds when preparing for the next Games.

The plan was announced yesterday by Dick Jeeps, the chairman, when he presented the Council's annual report in London. In the four years leading up to Los Angeles, the Council provided cash grants totalling nearly £10m to Olympic sports for coaching, training, international travel and administration.

"Grants cannot be measured purely in terms of gold medals and Olympic records," said Jeeps. "But success on the Olympic stage does give a tremendous boost to the development of sport right through to street level.

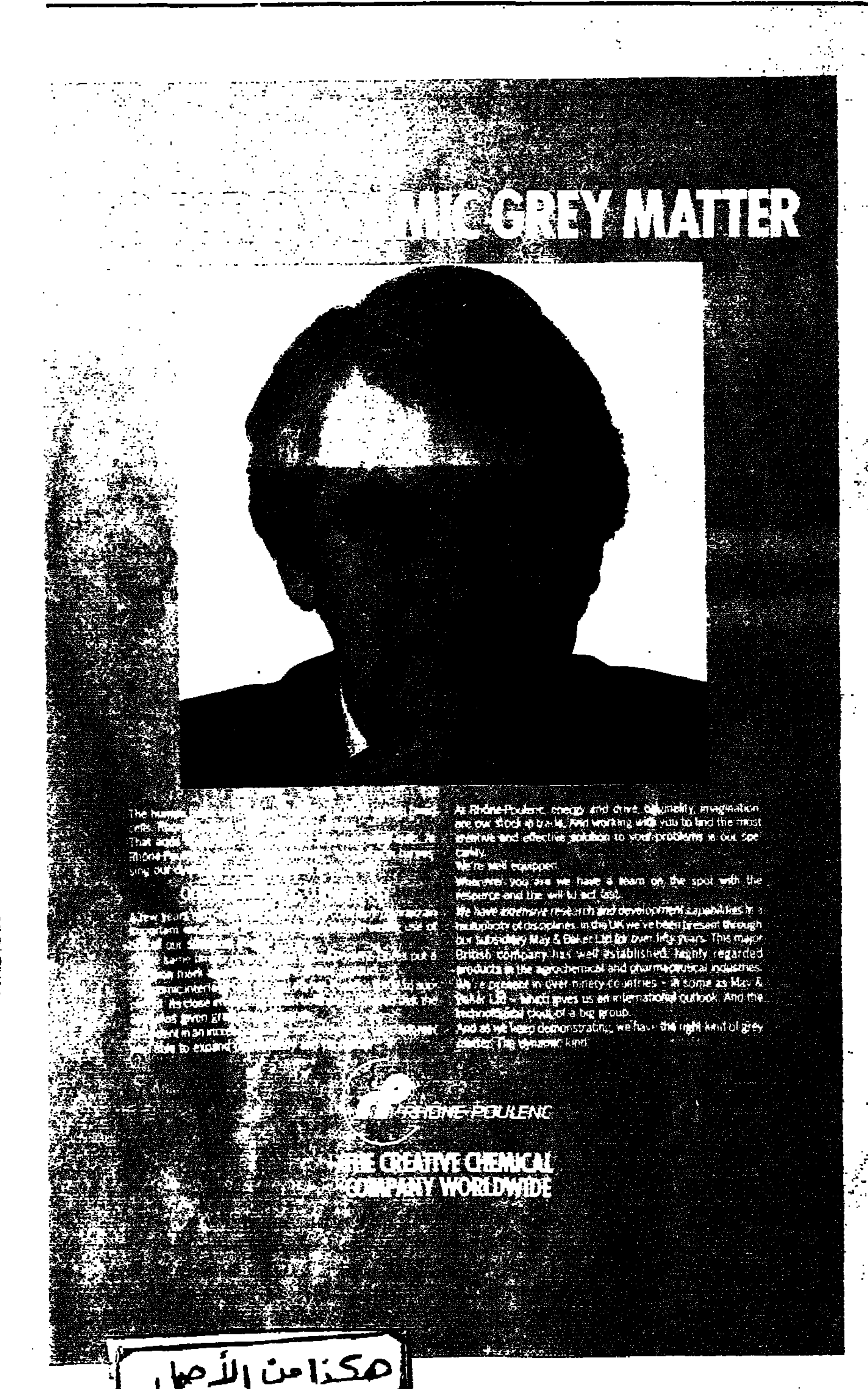
"We plan to let governing bodies and competitors have their say in a bid to improve our medal tally in Seoul."



Coe: calling meeting

● The Sports Council wants to see its governing bodies take more positive action to counter drug abuse.

The Council's annual report stresses the need for "sport to take action against drug abuse rather than await a government directive on the matter."



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FOOTBALL

Milk Cup cash has the game hooked

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Whereas youths once roamed the streets of the nation in search of a game of football, the more misguided among them now go there to look for drugs. The sport they have left behind has become addicted as well. Clubs are so dependent on money that many would not survive without injections of cash from generous sponsors.

The evidence was splattered in 32 different directions this week, from Newcastle to Portsmouth, from Blackburn to Gillingham. At the age of 24, the Milk Cup competition has grown to represent a piece of twisted logic, that the need for financial gain stands higher in the order of merit than the interests of spectators, whose pound notes once provided adequate support.

By seeding the second-round draw and playing ties over two legs, the League has eliminated drops of romance and knocked out the sense of fun. Take Monday's match at Edgeley Park, for instance. Was it not significant that for the visit of the reigning champions of England and Europe, the audience amounted to little more than 11,000?

Stockport County's followers knew that even if their fourth division side had realized a dream and beaten Liverpool, reality would have returned at Anfield in a fortnight. An evening that might have tingled with excitement was instead wrapped in numbing inevitability. Stockport's compensation will be £2,500 from the Milk Marketing Board and a share of the two gates.

The cost to Liverpool might have been higher. Dalglish and Lawrenson were ruled out, Walsh was not fully fit and the risk of further injuries was inevitably increased during another domestic fixture that was squeezed into an already demanding schedule. Their European Cup tie against Lech Poznan on Wednesday will be their fifth game in a fortnight.

The same unreasonable punishment has been reserved for England's other Continental ambassadors and it will be surprising if all, or indeed any, of them are at full strength when they face their foreign opponents next week. But even the wealthiest clubs, who ignored the competition when it began, feel they must now join in the scramble for rewards.

They are substantial, disproportionately so. The prize fund, recently increased by £30,000, now stands at almost £500,000 and the Milk Cup winners receive more than the League champions. Everton collected £48,000 for finishing as runners-up to Liverpool last season and not a penny for their triumph in the more distinguished event, the FA Cup.

Similarly, Plymouth Argyle gained nothing for their defeat in the FA Cup semi-finals and Aston Villa took home £32,000 for reaching the last four of the Milk Cup. So, too, did Walsall, whose run coinsided with their failure to hold on to third place in the race for promotion to the second division. That is currently valued at a mere £4,000.

The chance of predictability being *upset during this seson's competition* has all but disappeared already. Bolton Wanderers, who drew at Shrewsbury on Tuesday, and Rotherham United, who won away at Stoke City on Wednesday, are the only representatives from the third and fourth divisions still holding realistic hopes of reaching the next round. The other 30 ties all followed their expected courses.

What dark fate awaits Halifax, 5-1 down after the first leg against Tottenham Hotspur, or Burnley, who conceded four breathtaking goals at Old Trafford, or even Brentford, who led 2-0 before collapsing dramatically and letting in four during the last nine minutes at Filbert Street? They may as well take the money and await next year's fix.

Maidstone players are accused by manager

Non-League football by Paul Newman

Bill Williams, the manager of Maidstone United, yesterday accused his team of being a "bunch of cowards" and threatened to make sweeping changes unless they quickly halt their slide down the Gola (formerly Alliance Premier) League table.

Maidstone, the league champions, are seventh from bottom after 10 games and are already 11 points behind the leaders, Wealdstone. They have taken only one point from five away games and on Wednesday night lost 1-0 at home to Dagenham. Last week they lost 4-1 away to the same opponents and 3-0 at Yeovil Town, who had lost all their eight previous matches.

Williams, in his fourth season at the club, said: "Over our last three games we have been at the lowest ebb since I came here. The players seem to think that because they are the champions they don't have to run around and get in where it hurts. You judge a team's character by their away form and the spirit that we have had over the last two seasons just hasn't been there. We're going to have to do some rebuilding, especially in attack."

Maidstone introduced two new players at the start of the season, John Sille from Dagenham and Mark Hill from Wycombe Wanderers, who have replaced John Watson and Jon Moore

Maidstone face a severe test over the next month. Tommorow they entertain Boston United, who on Tuesday inflicted Wealdstone's first defeat of the season, and their subsequent games are against Altrincham, Enfield and Nuneaton

● John Mahoney, the former Wales international midfield player, has been appointed manager of Bangor City. Mahoney who was capped 51 times and made more than 500 Football League appearances for Crewe Alexandra, Stoke City, Middlesborough and Swansea City, was forced to retire through injury two years ago and has since been coaching at Swansea.

Mahoney succeeds Dave Elliot, who resigned after Bangor lost their first five matches of the season.

● Geoff Chapple, the manager who took Windsor and Eton from the Athenian League to the premier division of the Isthmian League, has resigned and taken over at Woking. Alf Coulton Windsor and Eton's coach, and Laurie Craker the former Watford player, have taken temporary charge of the team.

Chapple succeeds Bill Dodgin at Working.

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England's vice-captain prepares for India

Gatting should be well suited to wobble bowlers



What was the worst moment in the summer's Test matches? Well, it has to be admitted that the competition for that particular accolade is pretty intense. For all that, Mike Gatting's farewell appearance has to be fairly high on the list.

Gatting went for one in the first innings, leg-before to Marshall without playing a stroke. But in the second innings it seemed that, in his very last chance, he was actually coming good: 29 scored, an air of confidence about him. Then along came a straight one from Marshall. Up went the bat, out of harm's way, thud went the ball into pad, up went the umpire's finger *and down went* all Gatting's hopes. He was publicly revealed as the only man in the world with an Achilles heel that goes up to the knee.

It was getting close to time", he said. "It was a question of trying not to play at wide balls. And...well...I didn't play at a straight one." His disappointment was so intense one could not fail to share it. But he did not leave the Test arena a broken man. He worked off his disappointment on every bowler on the county circuit, *finished top of the averages* with nearly 70, and had the season's highest score, 258.

There is one theory that Gatting is the finest player of mediocre bowling in the country. His achievements on the county circuit, and the fact that he is an immensely solid cricketing citizen, have won him the post of vice-captain to David Gower on the winter trip to India: yet another last chance. And the theory continues that the land of the medium pace wobble bowlers will be like heaven for M. W. Gatting.

Gatting himself is sceptical. "Test cricket is always different. The bowling is better, the catching is better: everything is tuned a little higher. But that is not why I have failed." Note here that Gatting uses unhesitatingly the taboo phrase for the professional sportsman: I failed. But you would expect someone with his looks to think in so uncompromising a way.

Superior attack

"It was not the difficulties of facing a superior attack. The failures were of my own making. If I could just put my finger on it . . . I tell myself it shouldn't be too much of a problem. I should be doing *well.*" Perhaps it is the very desire for success that causes failure: the deadly wisdom of not swishing at the wide ones that leads to the lofted bat for the straight one.

"I don't *get out* like that in county cricket . . . but on the other hand, it doesn't matter *how* I get out, does it?" Everyone knows that Gatting is good at batting. However, these days, the expression of this truth always carries the rider "at that level".

It needed more than mere county batting excellence to get him back into an England party. The fact that Gower likes to have this splendidly dependable chap to talk to between overs is also vital. As a batsman, Gatting might not have made it. As a vice-captain, he is a natural choice.



Gatting: an enigma

In truth, the rapport with Gower, is more potential than established fact: Gatting has played Test matches under Gower's captaincy just three times: Faisalabad, Lahore, and Lord's "He's the kind of man who likes to lead from the front, as he did at Lahore", Gatting said. "His ability as a player means that he commands respect from all of his players. And despite a disappointing season with the bat, he has lost neither his ability nor that respect."

Solid, dependable, loyal: Gatting is well cast as the man to play Horatio to Gower's Hamlet. Meanwhile, that dashing, impetuous, character *I. T. Botham* will not be playing Laertes in this production, and Gatting is in no doubt that he will be missed. "He's always likely to make something happen. But, as he is the first to admit, eight years of solid cricket have taken it out of him."

It is the combination of stunning form against ordinary bowling and his rapport with Gower that will give Gatting curry for Christmas. One can only hope that something will come of it: that they *plot the* downfall of the wobblemen, even though, after leading Middlesex for two seasons, Gatting still maintains he is a "beginner" at the captaincy business. And captaincy in the county championship, he said, makes very different demands from the job at Test level, where the responsibilities and the pressures are enormous: sometimes the problems themselves are more straightforward, the issues more clear-cut.

"In a county match," he said, "you must always be aware of where the other side is in the table, so you can, for example set a target that will tempt a poor side. With a side near the top, you must set a stiffer target – you know they will go for it. But in a Test match, there are no outside factors to consider. You just have to go out and beat them."

GOLF: FALDO KEEPS ALIVE HOPES OF BRITISH SUCCESS

Nakajima sinks as sun rises again on ageless man in black

By Mitchell Platts

The astonishing Gary Player began another amazing episode in the world match-play championship, sponsored by Suntory, when he destroyed the Japanese golfer Tommy Nakajima five and four in the first round at Wentworth yesterday. Nick Faldo kept the hope of a first British victory flickering, as those of Howard Clark and Sam Torrance were extinguished, but it was Player who lit the blue touchpaper and ignited another four days of spontaneous excitement.

Nakajima, four times the match-play champion of Japan, retired gracefully to the land of the rising sun after 32 holes in which Player emphatically proved that the sun is a long way from setting on his charismatic career.

He arrived on the first tee, dressed to kill in his familiar all-black outfit, and with four successive birdies the South African immediately broke the resistance of an opponent 18 years his junior. Player will be 49 next month, but, as far as he

Hole by hole

Gary Player's opening round yesterday:
Out: 3 3 4 4 4 4 3 4 – 31
In: 3 4 4 3 3 4 4 5 4 – 33

is concerned, age is no barrier to a professional golfer, and he spent the rest of the day strutting the fairways like spring lamb.

He began with a four-iron to three feet at the first. One-up. He holed from 20 feet at the next. Two-up. He struck a five-wood to within three feet at the demanding third hole although Nakajima courageously holed from 12 feet to salvage a half.

Then came a solid drive followed by a four-iron on to the green at the long fourth. Two putts later, and Player was three-up. By lunch, the margin was six and Nakajima was a beaten man. If it had been medal play, then Player would have been round in an astonishing 64. In 20 appearances at this championship, which includes a record five wins, he has never scored so low.

Yet earlier this summer Mark McCormack, the American businessman who masterminded the championship found himself compelled to inform his long-time friend that there would be no place this year for him at Wentworth.

Player, however, had other ideas. He had spent most of 1982 and 1983, initially because of back trouble and later because he wanted time to "smell the roses", away from the game. He remained at home, with his family, on their farm on the outskirts of Johannesburg. But this year he returned to the practice range. It required time to rediscover his former sharpness but there was no doubt that he was back in shape when he finished runner-up in the United States PGA championship. He knew then that he had earned another invitation to Wentworth.

Now Player faces an intriguing encounter against Greg Norman, the defending champion, and Faldo has an equally difficult task against Severiano Ballesteros.

Faldo looked far from happy with his game over the opening holes, in which Craig Stadler moved three-up, but he won three holes in succession from the ninth to level the match. Stadler regained the lead with a birdie at the 12th but it was the last time that the American was ahead.

Since Faldo single-putted seven times in eight holes from the ninth – including a monster of 50 feet at the 15th – it was hardly surprising that he should go into lunch three-up. Even so, Stadler contributed to his own downfall by losing the thirst for the battle after striking his second out of bounds at the 17th. He even gave the hole to Faldo who was still 70 yards from the green. The match went to the 34th but there was never any question of Faldo's superiority as he won three and two.

Clark, three-up after four holes against Corey Pavin, had 10 birdies and one eagle during the day. However, he still went down three and two to the slim American who will now meet Bernhard Langer. The prospect of a recovery by Clark disintegrated when the Yorkshireman hit a five-wood tee shot out of bounds at the 15th in the afternoon.



Remote control: Player wills his putt towards the hole at the 12th green (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Torrance never managed to get his head in front against Tony Nakamura, of Japan, and he eventually lost, two and one.

The Scot, however, threatened to escape until he thinned a wedge shot at the 17th in the afternoon when one down.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	471	4	10	186	3
2	155	3	11	376	4
3	452	4	12	483	5
4	501	5	13	441	4
5	191	3	14	179	3
6	344	4	15	466	4
7	399	4	16	380	4
8	398	4	17	571	5
9	450	4	18	502	5
Out	3,361	35	In	3,584	37

Total yardage: 6,945. Total par: 72.

First round results
G Player (SA) bt T Nakajima (Jap) 5 and 4
C Pavin (US) bt H Clark (GB) 3 and 2
T Nakamura (Jap) bt S Torrance (GB) 2 and 1
N Faldo (GB) bt C Stadler (US) 3 and 2

Today's draw

8.30am and 1.00pm: G Norman (Aus) v G Player (SA)
8.45am and 1.15pm: B Langer (WG) v C Pavin (US)
9.00am and 1.30pm: B Crenshaw (US) v T Nakamura (Jap)
9.15am and 1.45pm: S Ballesteros (Sp) v N Faldo (GB)

SHOW JUMPING

Miss Edgar makes her mark in style

By Jenny MacArthur

Marie Edgar, the 13-year-old daughter of Liz and Ted Edgar, beat a host of top international riders including her mother to win yesterday's Sherpa Stakes at the Everest Double Glazing championships at the Park Farm Equestrian Centre, Northwood, in Middlesex.

Miss Edgar's win, her most impressive to date, came on the nine-year-old, Soft Touch, who was bought two months ago to hunt by her father. As he said after her performance: "There is no chance of hunting it now."

Yesterday's class was restricted to horses who have qualified for the Foxhunter and Grade C championships at Wembley, where Miss Edgar will ride with Soft Touch next week.

Before the jump-off Mrs Edgar, who was riding the Countess of Inchcape's five-year-old, Rapier, said she was going to take it slowly with her horse and asked her daughter what she was going to do. "I'm going to win", came the prompt reply. David Broome, Miss Edgar's uncle said of her performance in the competition: "It's not just the fact she won it, it's the style in which she won it."

Her victory relegated to second place the professional rider, Geoff Glazzard, with the impressive 17.3 hands high Penwood Brandon, a winner here on the first day. Alan Fazakerley was third on the six-year-old, Jaysway.

Fazakerley has had a hard climb to the top. He grew up in Manchester where his father is a postman and started his riding career aged seven at a riding school some 10 miles away. His father took him to the school each day after finishing his post round. Fazakerley's break came four years ago when he was asked to join John Whitaker's Yorkshire yard.

Seventeen horses went into the jump off in which Glazzard set the standard to beat. Both Chris Parker, on Calypso Magic, and Andy Austin, on Certain Style, came close to his time. Fazakerley completed a superb round to finish just 7/100th of a second short of Glazzard's time. Miss Edgar, who had taken a day off from Kingsley School, in Leamington Spa, to compete, rode last but one and received plenty of encouragement from the riders' stand.

Paul Crago, aged 21, has had his immediate future in show jumping secured with yesterday's announcement of his £30,000 a year sponsorship by Toshiba. The contract is initially for two years. Paul, the son of the ex-Australian Olympic rider, Brian, has represented Great Britain as a junior and as a young rider and this year was a member of the senior British Nations Cup team

RESULTS: The Sherpa Stakes: 1, Soft Touch (M Edgar) 0 in 25.23; 2, Penwood Brandon (G Glazzard) 0 in 25.33; 3, Jaysway (A Fazakerley) 0 in 25.40. The Park Farm Stakes: 1, JR (G Billington) 36.16; 2, Sea Pearl (M Pyrah) 37.19; 3, Red Fight (M Whitaker) 37.43.

TENNIS: DAVIS CUP TIE IN THE BALANCE AT EASTBOURNE

Bell tolls for Shaw but Lloyd keeps Britain in contention

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Yugoslavia lead Britain 1-0 after the first day of their Davis cup play-off at Eastbourne yesterday. Marco Ostoja took three hours and three minutes to beat Stephen Shaw 5-7, 6-4, 9-7, 6-2. Then John Lloyd and Zlobodan Zivojinovic spent three hours reaching 6-4, 5-7, 7-5, 3-6, 5-5 (in terms of Lloyd) before play was suspended because of bad light.

This is one of four ties that will decide who goes down from the 16-nation world group to next year's inter-zonal qualifying competition. Four more ties will decide who moves up to replace them. Meantime, the 1984 competition has reached its penultimate round with semi-finals between the United States and Australia at Portland, Oregon, and Sweden and Czechoslovakia at Bastaad.

The young Yugoslavs do not fancy themselves as grass court players. Ostoja and Zivojinovic nevertheless gave Australia a strenuously challenging first day at Perth in February and the form they eventually struck at Eastbourne yesterday – once apprehension had given way to a measure of assurance – was not as surprising as it would have been a year ago.

Shaw, making his Davis Cup debut, failed to build on the promise of an impressive start in which his service games were almost impregnable. He had a run of six service games that cost him only four points. Shaw then had a break point for a 3-1 lead in the second set, but lost four consecutive games and was never to reassert his authority.

The match went Ostoja's way partly because Shaw's serving declined, partly because Shaw lacked the experience to play the important points as well as he needed to, but chiefly because Ostoja settled down, lost his inhibitions and played better and better as the match progressed. Ostoja found a solid and testing rhythm with his returns, largely by taking the ball earlier and chancing his arm. He also began to put more first services into court.

Five times Ostoja protested about line decisions in language that should have earned him a reprimand but did not. The last such protest, incorporating an obscenity, occurred in a game that gave him a critical break to 8–7 in the third set. By that time, Ostoja was hitting freely and showing signs of cockiness. Shaw stayed with him until that 8–7 game but Ostaja then assued command.

The match had a series of odd asides: the Yugoslav captain massaging Ostaja's shoulder, the British captain attending to Shaw's shoes with a wire brush, a 33-minute break for rain after the second set, the sounds of breaking glass, hammering and the tolling of a bell as Ostaja romped through the last set.

Nor did the off-court absurdities end there. Lloyd and Zivojinovic went into action to the echoing accompaniment of pipe and drum band from the street outside, then sawing noises from within the premises. Meantime a spectator (one uses the noun loosely) was playing chess on his own.

No wonder Lloyd sometimes looked a little absent-minded. In any case, he has recently won so many matches that his concentration must be crying out for a rest. Zivojinovic, the youngest player in the tie, gave Lloyd early encouragement in that direction with some erratic if powerfully talented tennis. Lloyd looked both smarter and sharper. He had a better idea of what was going to happen and what should be done about it.

Suddenly, though, Zivojinovic made all the pieces fit, and reminded us that he beat Lloyd in one of the two matches they played on hard courts in August. The rest of the match was a blazing duel in which an inch or so this way or that, gave one man or the other a fleeting advantage. The thunder of red-blooded Davis Cup tennis echoed around the stadium in fading light before play was halted for the night.

Australian returns

Sydney (Reuter) – Dianne Fromholtz, of Australia, who retired from the international tennis circuit nearly two years ago because of injury, is planning a comeback.

Miss Fromholtz, aged 28, was ranked in the world's top 10 between 1975 and 1979. She says she is bored sitting at home doing nothing and is keener to play now than she has been for many years.



Break point: Shaw receives a drink and some advice from the British coach, Paul Hutchins, between games (photograph: Chris Cole)

McEnroe leads strong US challenge

Paris (AFP) – Four of the world's top players lead their respective countries in the Davis Cup semi-finals this weekend while elsewhere regional finals and relegation play-offs take place.

In Portland, Oregon, the United States, led by the world No.1, John McEnroe, supported by Jimmy Connors, meet the current holders, Australia, led by the revelation of the season, the 19-year-old Pat Cash, the Wimbledon and US open semi-finalist.

In Bastaad, Sweden will rally behind Mats Wilander in their bid to reach the final at the expense of Czechoslovakia, but their hopes will depend just as largely on the performances of Ivan Lendl, the Czech No.1, who, but for his often erratic form, would be the best player in the world.

Davis Cup matches and venues (to be played Friday, Saturday and Sunday unless stated): World Group semi-finals: United States v Australia (Portland, Oregon); Sweden v Czechoslovakia (Bastaad). Zone finals: European Zone 'A': (playing Saturday to Monday): Soviet Union v Israel (Donetsk). European Zone 'B': Hungary v Spain (Budapest). Asian Zone: Pakistan v Japan (Rawalpindi). American Zone: Chile v Brazil (Santiago). Relegation play-offs: West Germany v Rumania (Berlin); Denmark v India (Arhus); Ecuador v New Zealand (Guayaquil); Britain v Yugoslavia (Eastbourne, playing Thursday to Saturday).

● Mark Bright, aged 21, a student of building at Oxford Polytechnic, yesterday won the tournament for club champions, sponsored by Pernod, at the Madronal tennis centre (a Special Correspondent reports from Marbella). The No 6 seed powered his way to a 6-4, 7-5 victory over Giles Hinchcliffe, aged 37, of Northumberland.

He also earned North Oxford their first win in the event, but it was a close affair against Hinchcliffe, the fifth seed and an experienced opponent who was only let down by two breaks of service.

Jackie Reardon, the 21-year-old and top seed from St George's Hill, took the women's title in style with a 6-2, 6-0 win over Lynne Battersby

Results: Men's final: M Bright (N Oxford) beat G Hinchcliffe (Northumberland) 6-4, 7-5. Womens final: J Reardon (St George's Hill) beat L Battersby (Winchester) 6-2, 6-0. Men's plate: T Johnston (Paddington) beat J Baker (Bristol) 6-2, 7-6. Women's plate: H Heffer (Wimbledon) beat P Atkinson (West Worthing) 6-4, 6-2.

Miss Thomson triumphs after four-stroke deficit

By John Hennessy

Muriel Thomson beat a fellow Scot, Jane Connachan, by one stroke to win the Sand International professional tournament, sponsored by Brend Hotels, at Saunton yesterday.

Starting the day level, Miss Thomson had a final round of 78, for a total of 307, and Miss Connachan one of 77. Micky Walker finished with a 70, the lowest score ever by a woman player over these links, to steal third place, also by one stroke, from a young Australian, Corinne Dibnah (76 yesterday).

There was a brief period when Miss Thomson languished four shots behind, but Miss Connachan first over-clubbed the ninth and was then heavily punished for pulling an eight iron at the next. She played what seemed a delicately judged sand iron on to the green, but the ball, though twice seeming to pull up, rolled agonizingly on and on and into a bunker.

Only one stroke now separated the two players and when Miss Thomson eagled the 12th, with a huge drive and a wedge four feet behind the pin, it was she who was in the lead. There were sundry changes of fortune over the next few holes but three putts on the 17th green by the bespectacled Miss Connachan, now hampered perhaps by driving rain, represented the final blow. Her partner's second to within six feet of the pin at the last left no hope of reprieve.

LEADING SCORES: 307: M Thomson 81, 75, 75, 76. 308: J Connachan 83, 74, 74, 77. 310: M Walker 89, 77, 74, 70. 311: C Dibnah (Aus) 79, 79, 77, 76. 312: D Reid 86, 78, 78, 78; B Lunsford (US) 84, 77, 74, 77. 314: K Ehrnlund (Swe) 83, 78, 76, 77. 316: S Allison 81, 85, 71, 79. 318: P Conley (US) 80, 78, 76, 75; R Comstock (US) 86, 83, 2 76. 319: A Nicholas 82, 82, 80, 75. 320: R Hast 84, 84, 74, 78. 321: S Young 88, 84, 74, 75; E Glass (Zim) 87, 79, 78, 77; J Smurthwaite 84, 80, 76, 81. 322: V Marvin 84, 80, 80, 78.

O'Connor still a force to be reckoned with

From George Ace, Dublin

Christy O'Connor Snr, playing off a handicap of 59 years – he will be 60 in December – showed the younger brigade in the £12,000 Irish professional championship, sponsored by Tretorn-Spalding, at Skerries, Dublin, yesterday that he still has a fine array of shots in his locker.

O'Connor, 10 times a previous winner of this championship, returned a two-under-par 69 over this 5,817 metres course. He was out in a level par 35 but went three under with birdies at the 11th, 14th and 15th, only to drop a shot at the 377-metre 16th. Nevertheless, a remarkable round.

The tournament leader is the reigning champion, Liam Higgins, who scored a 67. He had six birdies, reaching the turn in three under. He went four under with a birdie at the 11th but dropped shots at the 13th and the 15th and finished by holing a 15ft putt on the final green.

Des Smyth, runner-up to Sam Torrance after a sudden-death play-off in the Barcelona Open last week, chipped into the hole at the 18th for a birdie and a round of 68. Smyth was joined on 68 by Paul Stevenson, the 18-year-old assistant professional at Shandon Park, Belfast, a former Ulster Boys' Champion.

LEADING SCORES: 67: L Higgins (Waterville); 68: D Smyth (EAL Tubes), P Stevenson (Shandon Park); 69: M Sludds (Coopervision), C O'Connor Snr (Royal Dublin), P Townsend (Port Marnock); 70: P M'Guirk (Co Louth), C C O'Connor Jnr (Celtic International); 71: D Jones (unattached), R J Browne (Laytown-Bettystown).

Lopez withdraws

Nancy Lopez is the latest withdrawal from the £140,000 Hitachi British women's Open golf championship at Woburn next week. The 27-year-old American, who won the last two Colgate tournaments at Sunningdale in 1978/9

HORSE TRIALS

Mrs Green first

Lucinda Green, the Olympic team silver medal winner, is in the lead at the end of the first day of dressage at the Wylye international three-day event in Wiltshire, sponsored by Plessey. Riding the relatively inexperienced Brass Monkey, she finished a point ahead of Richard Meade on Kilcashel, who is lying joint second with Anton Eschwecker.

The positions are likely to change after today's dressage when several top partnerships including Mrs Green on her Badminton winner, Beagle Bay, are due to compete.

OVERNIGHT LEADERS: 1, Brass Monkey (L Green) 56.4pts; 2, Kilcashel (R Meade) 57.8 and Markant (A Eschwecker, WG); 4, Jet Club (Capt P Gailoux, Fr) 61.2

ROWING

Organizers take a firm stand

By Jim Railton

Despite dissatisfaction expressed by members of this year's Olympic rowing team, the Amateur Rowing Association (ARA) will continue their policy of mandatory registration for those seeking international recognition. The ARA can point to the Olympic gold medal-winning men's coxed four as evidence of the success of the policy, but cannot ignore the fact that many Olympic crews were formed too late in doubtful combinations with unsatisfactory results.

The right philosophy for selection surely has yet to be achieved: the national squad scheme should be so attractive that athletes are queueing up to join it.

A natural fear of the ARA is private armies outside the national squad. Independent groups have produced international medals in the past, but equally, private armies have seen the demise of national squads, deprived of the best

The administration of international rowing appears top-heavy. The new chairmen, elected on Tuesday, are Nigel Graham (international rowing committee) and Bob Pinsent (British rowing selection board), with a further estate, the non-coaching squad coordinators, to be elected. The real requisite is for a Pied Piper to call the tune, but there are four years left to face realities before the 1988 Olympic regatta in Seoul.

HOCKEY

Bad day for British on two fronts

England's [illegible] to Belgium in [illegible] the European [illegible] yesterday (a [illegible] writes). Alt[illegible] included eight [illegible] the early exchan[illegible] ing game and [illegible] midfield for long [illegible] let down by weak [illegible]

De Schutter, the [illegible] keeper had very litt[illegible] England forwards sq[illegible] chances.

With six minutes remaining, a quickly taken free hit by Buysschaert led to Van Maroke beating the unsighted Taylor for the only goal.

England's women made a disappointing start to the Eight Nations European Junior (under 21) tournament in Dundee yesterday losing 1-0 to Ireland (Joyce Whitehead writes). In a constant downpour England lacked a general, although Gillian Brown, Karen Brown and Parker combined well down the right.

From Ireland's seventh penalty corner, in the fifty-fifth minute their captain, Joanne Menown, scored with a fine shot; Austria, who lost 11-1 to the Netherlands, are England's opponents this morning.

Scotland lost 2-1 to Belgium, but after Fiona Lothian had reduced their two-goal deficit, they missed the chance of an equalizer when Wendy Fraser wasted a penalty stroke.

OTHER SCORE: West Germany 1, Spain 0.

FOOTBALL

Bearzot's threat

Milan (AFP) – FIFA, the international football federation, will, if necessary, conduct an enquiry into allegations that Cameroon were paid more than $100,000 (£80,000) to draw their 1982 World Cup match against Italy, the Italian Football Association announced.

Italy had contacted FIFA earlier in the day asking them to investigate newspaper reports that Cameroon had been "bought off".

Enzo Bearzot, the manager of Italy's 1982 World Cup winning team, said he would resign if the allegations went unpunished. "I do not want to see years of honest work lost like this," Bearzot, 57, was quoted as saying.

● COPENHAGEN: Denmark had a hard-fought but well deserved 1-0 win over their World Cup group six tie.

● BUDAPEST: Hungary, trailing 1-0 after 50 minutes, beat their great rivals, Austria, in a fine start to their group five matches.

Durban back at Cardiff in Goodfellow's place

Cardiff City have sacked their manager, Jimmy Goodfellow, and replaced him with one of their former players, Alan Durban, the ex-manager of Sunderland. Goodfellow, who took over towards the end of last season, when Len Ashurst replaced Durban at Sunderland, was "shocked and disappointed".

Cardiff have lost six of their opening seven second division games and are third from bottom of the table. Durban will be at Cardiff's game at Middlesbrough tomorrow.

● The former Reading chairman, Frank Waller, could make a surprise return as the third division club's major shareholder. The Oxford United chairman, Robert Maxwell, currently owns the biggest shareholding in the club, 19 per cent, but is to sell it to a mystery buyer, revealed yesterday as Aclind Ltd, of which Mr Waller, his son, Michael, and wife, Gladys, are the sole directors. Waller was deposed as Reading chairman last summer.

● The former England goalkeeper, Joe Corrigan, of Brighton and Hove Albion, has signed on loan for Norwich City, whose regular goalkeepr, Woods, is injured. Corrigan, aged 35, plays in tomorrow's first division match at Nottingham Forest.

● Newcastle United yesterday signed the Sheffield Wednesday midfield player, Pat Heard, with the England under-21 left back, John Ryan, going to Hillsborough in exchange.

● Birmingham City have failed to sign the Arsenal number two goalkeeper, John Lukic.

● Meadowbank Thistle have almost certainly missed their chance of appearing in the final of the Scottish League Cup, sponsored by Skol, after losing 4-0 away to Rangers, the holders, in the first leg of their semi-final on Wednesday night. Heart of Midlothian have to visit Dundee United in the other semi-final, with a 2-1 deficit.

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ICE SKATING

American is one to note

By Dennis Bird

Kathryn Adams, aged 16, of the United States, won the women's event at the St Ivel international at Richmond ice rink on Wednesday night, is the harbinger of a new generation of skaters whose names will become familiar in the next two or three years. They aspire to take the places of the Olympic champions of Sarajevo and several of them are among the 43 competitors now in London.

Miss Adams did well in all three sections. She is a neat and consistent performer of compulsory figures and a free skater of real artistry. So is the young Swiss, Claudia Villiger, who was third, Cynthia Coull, of Canada, achieved a remarkable feat by taking second place in 1983. Another girl who looks unusually promising is Simone Koch from Dresden, aged 15.

The two British girls were disappointing. The former champion, Karen Wood, had not expected to compete, and the late withdrawal of another competitor gave her less than a week to prepare. Some two-footed jumps and a near fall on a triple loop left her in seventh place. Susan Jackson, her successor as national title holder, won the short programme in fine style, but perhaps tried too hard in the final free-skating

WOMEN'S FINAL RESULTS: 1, K Adams (US) 4.6 pts; 2, C Coull (Can) 4.8; 3, C Villiger (Switz) 6.2; 4, S A Jackson (GB) 8.0; 5, C Patch (WG) 9.0; 6, S Koch (EG) 11.4. Other British placing: 7, K Wood 12.8.
DANCING (after original set pattern): 1, G Sretensky and N Annenko (USSR) 1.4; 2, R McCall and T Wilson (Can) 1.8; 3, J Druar and S Wynne (US) 3.0; 4, T Takahashi and N Sato (Jap) 4.0; 5, A Toth and K Engi (Hun) 5.0; 6, P Boissier and M Olivier (Fr) 6.0. Other British placing: 7, P Askham and S Jones 7.0.
PAIRS: 1, S Likhansky and I Bekker (USSR) 1.4; 2, J Maro and K Keeley (US) 2.8; 3, D Howe and L Colla (Can) 4.2; 4, N Cushley and L Cushley (GB) 5.6.

CYCLING: Heavy rain forced the postponement of an international track meeting due to be held in Pereira, Colombia, on Wednesday.
RUGBY: Bowen, an ever-present in the Wales team last season, has a knee injury and could miss the match against Australia on November 24.

RUGBY UNION

JPR forced to pull out

J. P. R. Williams, Wales's most capped player, has withdrawn from a fund-raising match on Sunday (Tim Glover writes). Williams had been named in an invitation XV, formed for the benefit of Eric Bignell, the former Rosslyn Park and Blackheath forward who is paralyzed from the neck down

When Bob Weighill, secretary of the Rugby Football Union, learnt that Williams was involved, he wrote to the organizers, warning that players could be suspended if they appeared alongside the former British Lions full back.

IN BRIEF

Virgo regains pride against the No 3 seed

[illegible] 3 in the world, was crushed 5-0 by John Virgo in the first round of the £150,000 Jameson Whiskey international snooker tournament in Newcastle yesterday. It was the first time in two seasons that Virgo, aged 38, had reached the second round of a big event.

Virgo and Thorburn were partners in last year's Hofmeister world doubles championships but the Canadian decided to split the pairing and team up with Willie Thorne for this year's event.

"I must admit I was not too pleased at Cliff's decision," Virgo said. "I felt I had a score to settle and there was a lot of pride at stake."

Tony Meo also went through to the second round with a comfortable 5-1 win over Murdo McLeod. But Meo was not too happy with his performance

CRICKET: The Nottinghamshire and former England bowler Mike Hendrick, who played in only three championship matches last season, has undergone a hip operation in an attempt to resume his career next summer.

YACHTING: The world 12-metre championship next year will be held off Newport, Rhode Island, while another series of fleet races will take place off Perth, Australia the following February.

SQUASH RACKETS: A grand prix for the professional squash circuit, like that in tennis, could finally get under way in 1985. The question of the grand prix, uniting the European, Asian and American continents, will be on the agend of the international Squash Rackets' Federation's meeting in Edinburgh from October 1.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Fourth division
Southend v Exeter City (7.30)
Scunthorpe United v Halifax Town (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

TENNIS: Davis Cup: Britain v Yugoslavia (at Eastbourne).
GOLF: Suntory World Matchplay tournament (at Wentworth); English County Finals (at Nottingham GC, Hollinwell).
DARTS: Unipart British Professional tournament (at Redcar).
SNOOKER: Jameson International (at Newcastle).
SPEEDWAY: British League: Exeter v Wolverhampton (7.30); Oxford v Halifax (7.45) plus Golden Helmet. National League: Peterborough v Canterbury (7.30). Challenge Match: Edinburgh v Glasgow (7.15). Vic Harding Memorial (at Hackney, 8.0).
CRICKET: Cross Arrows v Metropolitan Police D Division CC (at Lord's, 11.0).
HOCKEY: Women's tournament: European Under-21 Cup (at Maryfield Superturf Pitch, Dundee).
HORSE TRIALS: Three-day event (at Wylye, Wiltshire).

GOLF: Rex Warren, a past president of the Yorkshire Union of Golf Clubs, is to be president of the English Golf Union in 1986-1987.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

MILK CUP: Second round, first leg: Chelsea 3, Millwall 1; Halifax Town 1, Tottenham Hotspur 5; Leicester City 4, Brentford 2; Manchester United 4, Burnley 0; Newcastle United 3, Bradford City 1; Sheffield United 2, Everton 2; Stoke City 1, Rotherham United 2.
WORLD CUP: Group five: Hungary 3, Austria 1; Group six: Denmark 1, Norway 0.
INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Poland 2, Turkey 0; Tunisia 5, Nigeria 0; Italy 1, Sweden 0.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: Semi-finals, first leg: Heart of Midlothian 1, Dundee United 2; Rangers 4, Meadowbank Thistle 0.
GOLA LEAGUE: Kettering 3, Runcorn 0; Maidstone 0, Dagenham 1; Scarborough 1, Barrow 1; Weymouth 2, Bath 2.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Burton 2, Buxton 0.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: First Round: Basingstoke 3, Addlestone and Weybridge 0; Cheltenham 2, Bromsgrove 0; Dover 1, Canterbury 0; King's Lynn 3, Cambridge City 0; VS Rugby 3, Shepshed Charterhouse 2; Wellingborough 4, Rusden 3; Willenhall 2, Sutton Coldfield 0.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 1, Nottingham Forest 1; Huddersfield 3, Derby 2. Second division: Bolton 2, Hull 1; Port Vale 2, Blackpool 4; Sunderland 0, Leeds 4; Wolves 3, Middlesbrough 1; York 4, Doncaster 1.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Norwich 7, Bristol Rovers 1; Reading 2, Brighton 3.
IRISH LEAGUE: Gold Cup: Semi-final: Glenavon 3, Glentoran 3.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Second division south: Ruislip Manor 4, Chertsey 0; Molesey 1, Dorking 0.
WESTERN LEAGUE: Bideford 2, Dawlish 2; Mangotsfield 1, Chard 2; Minehead 1, Weston-super-Mare 1; Shepton Mallet 2, Devizes 1.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Llanelli 20, Gloucester 6; London Welsh 30, Metropolitan Police 16; Maesteg 32, Tredegar 18; Moseley 44, Rugby 0; Newbridge 16, Neath 17; Pontypridd 15, Cardiff 28.
SCHOOL MATCHES: Abingdon 22, Pangbourne 7; Allhallows 6, West Buckland 22; Barnard Castle 3, Sicoates 10; Douai 3, Bearwood 3; Gravesend 0, Eltham 33; KCS Wimbledon 12, Emanuel 14; King Henry VIII, Coventry 42, Solihull 6; King's, Taunton 30, King's Bruton 8; Lichfield Friary 78, Tettenhall 0; Magdalen CS, Brackley 21, Kingham Hall 8; Maidstone GS 23, Cranbrook 9; Newport GS Essex 3, Davenant GS 20; Penwith 11, Falmouth 3; Richard Lander 12, Cornwall College 0; Rugby 7, Lawrence Sheriff 3; St Columba's 24, St Albans 4; St Edward's, Oxford 18, Bloxham 10; St Joseph's Academy 17, Purley 7; St Joseph's Ipswich 15, Gresham's 8; Seaford 12, St George's Weybridge 32; Shiplake 7, City of London Freemen's 11; Sir William Borlase's 68, Hayton 3; Skinners 21, St Olave's 24; Truro 16, Redruth 4; Worksop 4, Ratcliffe 13.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 1, Seattle Mariners 0; New York Yankees 2, Baltimore Orioles 1; Toronto Blue Jays 8, Boston Red Sox 4; California Angels 2, Kansas City Royals 0; Oakland Athletics 7, Texas Rangers 5; Chicago White Sox 9, Minnesota Twins 3; Milwaukee Brewers 7, Detroit Tigers 5.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Mets 7, Philadelphia Phillies 1; San Diego Padres 4, San Francisco Giants 0; St. Louis Cardinals 5, Montreal Expos 0; Cincinnati Reds 6, Atlanta Braves 3; Chicago Cubs 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 2; Houston Astros 3, Los Angeles Dodgers 1.

TABLE TENNIS

WEST GERMAN GRAND PRIX: Group A: Wang Huiyan (China) bt U Bengtsson (Swe) 19-21, 21-19, 21-18; G Boehm (WG) bt J Secretin (Fr) 19-21, 21-12, 21-10; E Boggan (US) bt Z Kriston (Hun) 21-18, 18-21, 21-18; U Carlsson (Swe) bt E Hueging (WG) 21-9, 21-9. Semi-finals: Wang bt Boehm 21-12, 21-16; Carlsson bt Boggan 21-16, 11-21, 21-14. Final: Carlsson bt Wang 22-20, 21-19. Standing after four days: 1, Carlsson 21; 2, Bengtsson, Wang 15; 3, Hueging, Kriston, Boehm 9.
Group B: A Mazunov (USSR) bt P Birocheau (Fr) 21-18, 13-21, 21-15; J-O Waldner (Swe) bt D Surbeck (Yug) 21-1, 21-19; P Engel (WG) bt Hui Jun (China) 21-8, 21-7; A Grubba (Pol) bt J Pansky (Cz) 17-21, 21-18, 23-21. Semi-finals: Waldner bt Mazunov 21-12, 20-22, 22-20; Grubba bt Engel 18-21, 21-14, 21-17. Final: Grubba bt Waldner 21-23, 21-16, 21-15. Standing after four days: 1, Grubba 21; 2, Waldner 15; 3, Birocheau, Hui Jun 12.

TENNIS

HONOLULU: Grand Prix tournament: (US unless stated) First round: M Davis bt D Dowlen 6-3, 6-4; J Sadri bt B Manson 6-2, 6-4; S Giammalva bt M Mitchell 6-2, 6-2; P Annacone bt M Leach 6-2, 6-7, 7-6; B Gilbert bt L Bourne 7-6, 6-4.
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA: Women's tournament (US unless stated): Second round: J Russell bt M van Nostrand 7-5, 3-6, 6-3; G Purdy bt A Hulbert 6-0, 0-6, 6-4; R Mentz (SA) bt A M Fernandez 6-7, 7-5, 6-0; C Reynolds bt L Drescher (Switz) 6-1, 6-1.

RUGBY UNION

WIEDENBRUCK: Tour match: South African Barbarian XV 52, Wiedenbruck 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE

LANCASHIRE CUP: Quarter-finals: Barrow 10, St Helens 26; Rochdale Hornets 10, Leigh 22; Swinton 6, Wigan 32.
YORKSHIRE CUP: Quarter-finals: Bradford Northern 4, Leeds 10; Featherstone Rovers 18, Bramley 2; Hull Kingston Rovers 18, Huddersfield 2; York 8, Hull 38.

FOOTBALL

DUTCH LEAGUE: NAC Breda 1, Ajax Amsterdam 2; Feyenoord 0, Volendam 0.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Fulham 0, Chelsea 0.

GOLF

TAVISTOCK: Aer Lingus Schools championship, qualifying round: 1, St Austell Sixth Form College 237; 2, Newquay Tretherras School 242; 3, Kings School, Ottery St Mary 248. Best individual: T Nash (St Austell) 75.
NAGOYA: Tokai Classic: Leading scorers (Japanese unless stated): 67: T Ueno. 68: Y Miyamoto. 69: S Kanai, Takahashi, S Ebihara, T Irie. Others: 70: L Nelson (US). 72: H Sutton (US).
YOKOHAMA: Senior tournament: Leading scores (US unless stated): 71: L Elder. 72: G Littler. 73: D January, D Moody, P Thomson (Aus), D Sanders. 74: T Kitta, B Casper, Chen Chin-Po (Taiwan).
TACOMA, Washington: US Senior women's tournament: First round leaders: 73: L Hodge, L Wilson. 75: A Bower, N Gamble. 77: D Porter.
SARASOTA, Florida: LPGA regional qualifying school (US unless stated): 146: A Sowieja. 148: D King, K Gravely.

SNOOKER

NEWCASTLE: Jameson International tournament: First round: D Taylor (Blackburn) bt D Fowler (Worksop) 5-0. Frames (Taylor first): 60-43, 88-27, 73-0, 67-43, 68-10; J Johnson (Bradford) bt E Charlton (Australia) 5-1. Frames (Johnson first): 64-59, 88-28, 51-38, 34-70, 77-30, 74-32. R Reardon (Stoke) bt L Dodd (Southport) 5-4. Frame scores (Reardon first): 32-89, 124-9, 82-37, 90-32, 92-29, 54-69, 37-64, 32-71, 71-35. J White bt R Williams 5-3. T Knowles bt D Reynolds 5-1.
SHEFFIELD: UK Championships: Qualifying tournament: E Hughes bt M Morra 9-8.

BASKETBALL

ANGLO SCOTTISH CUP: First round: FSO Cars Warrington 99, Home Spare Bolton 88.

CRICKET

LORD'S: Chorleywood 289-7 dec; Cross Arrows 244-7 (P B Topley 104).

SPEEDWAY

CRADLEY HEATH: British league: Cradley Heath 46, Coventry 32.
LONG EATON: Challenge match: Long Eaton 43, National League All Stars 35.
POOLE: American night: 1, Bear (Poole) 17; 2, Middleditch (Poole) 13; 3, Crump (Swindon) 13.
KING'S LYNN: Knockout cup semi-final, first leg: King's Lynn 44, Ipswich 34.
J White bt R Williams 5-3; Frame scores (White first): 110-27, 13-58, 65-75, 59-67, 118-1, 67-65, 84-35, 62-15; T Knowles bt D Reynolds 5-1; Frame scores (Knowles first): 82-30, 81-23, 84-7, 21-53, 70-41, 97-32.

RACING: CARSON CAUTIONED BY STEWARDS AFTER WHIP INCIDENT INVOLVING PIGGOTT

Oh So Sharp cuts a dash with classic performance

By Michael Seely

Oh So Sharp displaced Al Bahathri as favourite for next season's 1,000 Guineas after a convincing victory in the Hoover Fillies Mile at Ascot yesterday. Superbly ridden by Lester Piggott, Shaikh Maktoum al Maktoum's Kris filly made the most of the 4lb she was receiving from Helen Street to win by a length and a half. Morning Devotion finished two lengths away in third place.

Never has the 11-times champion jockey's mastery of his craft been more apparent than it has this autumn. Piggott's inspired strength and determination gave him his record twenty-eighth classic victory on Commanche Run in the St Leger at Doncaster recently. Now the maestro's immaculate judgment and pace enabled him to steal first march on his rivals, not only in the fillies' pattern race, but also when substituting for the injured Walter Swinburn on Prince Crow against Popsi's Joy and Willy Carson in the Gordon Carter stakes later in the afternoon.

Speculation

The stewards held an inquiry after the running of the two-mile marathon. They showed Piggott and Carson the camera patrol film. And after noticing that Carson had appeared to flip his whip in Piggott's face after crossing the line, they warned the reigning champion jockey to refrain from such behaviour.

Speculation is still rife that Piggott will be asked to ride for the powerful Maktoum empire now that his contract with Henry Cecil has been terminated in favour of Steve Cauthen. Commenting on the rumours, John Leat, the principal advisor to the ruling family of Dubai in this country, said guardedly: "In principle, it is unlikely. Sheikh Mohammed would not like to see a stable jockey removed from our horses in favour of Piggott. But of course we want him to ride for us when the situation warrants it. However, nothing has as yet been arranged."

There can be no doubt about outstanding merit of both the winner and the runner-up in the Hoover ride. Cecil, now powering his way to his fifth trainer's championship, said afterwards: "Oh So Sharp certainly looks to me like a Guineas filly, though she may possibly stay a mile and a quarter later in the season."

The Maktoums are certainly in a strong position as far as 1985 is concerned as we move on to one of the most important phases of the Flat racing season. Oh So Sharp and Al Bahathri are first and second favourites for the 1,000 Guineas and only Law Society is preferred to Local Suitor, Shaikh's Mohammed's recent winner of the Mill Reef Stakes in the betting on the 2,000.

Earlier in the afternoon the family had had the pleasure of watching another home-bred winner when Tom Jones saddled Foulaad to beat Pacific Gold and Multi System in the Clarence House Stakes. The running of this race was marred by an accident to Dubricius, who collapsed and died two furlongs from home. Walter Swinburn, the two-year-old's jockey, hit the rails and badly bruised his left shoulder. He rode Morning Devotion to finish third in the big race, but then gave up the mount on Prince Crow to Piggott.

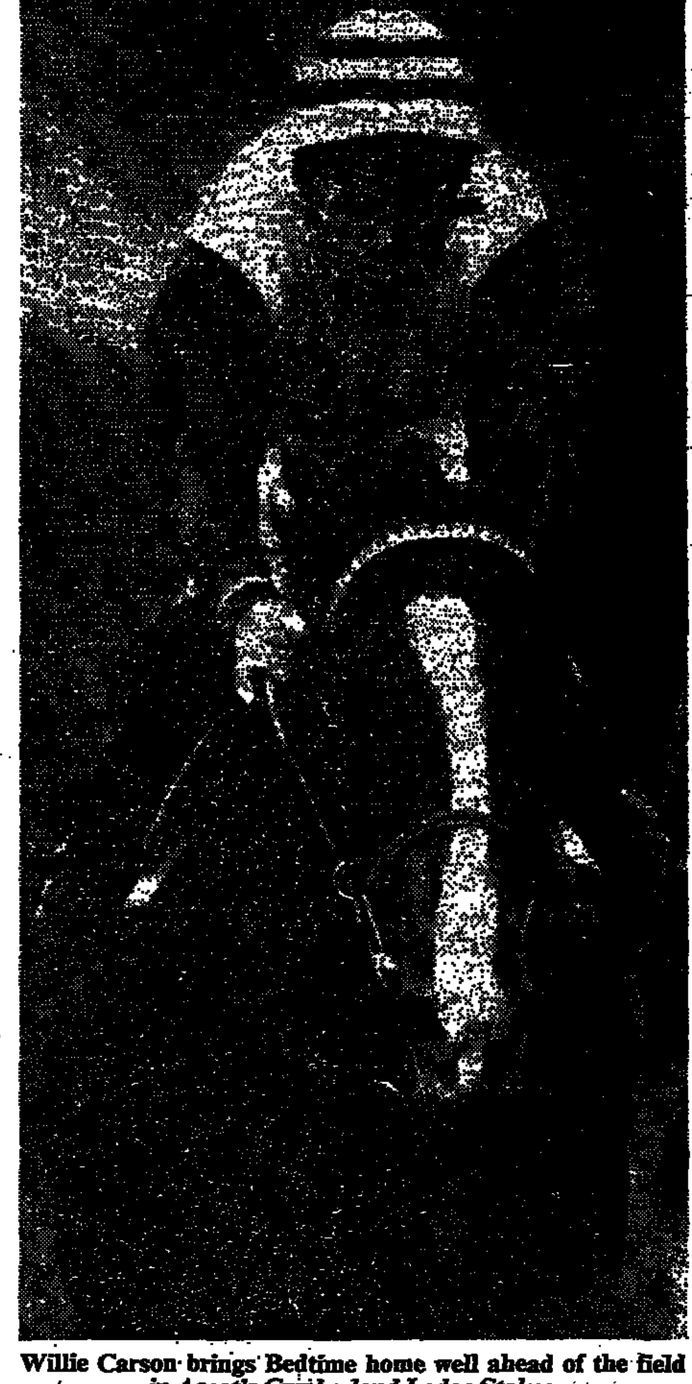
September has not exactly been a rewarding month for Steve Cauthen, but the champion jockey-elect proceeded to show us exactly why he has landed the job with Cecil when capturing the Diadem Stakes on Never So Bold for Robert Armstrong. Bursting clear of the opposition two furlongs from home, the 24-year-old American kept Edward Kessly's four-year-old up to his work to beat Fortysecond Street and Habibti, who may now attempt to repeat her victory of 1983 in the Prix de l'Abbaye for John Dunlop.

Hollywood target

Now that Chief Singer has reverted to a mile, Never So Bold is the best sprinter in training in this country. "We were unlucky to be beaten by Petong and Habibti in the Vernon's Sprint Cup. Through no fault of the jockey's, he got left with too much to do after being denied a clear run early in the straight," Mr Kessly said. The Bisquit Cognac Challenge Stakes at Newmarket on October 18 has been nominated as the next target for yesterday's winner.

"After that, we will go for the Million Dollar Mile race on turf at Hollywood on November 10, if we are invited," Mr Kessly added. "Cauthen says that the colt's got so much speed that he's sure to be suited to that sharp track."

The Japan Cup in Tokyo on November 25, which Stanerra won for Ireland last year, may well be the final objective of the 1984 season for Bedtime, on whom Carson rode a well-judged race to beat Opale and Longboat in the Cumberland Lodge stakes for Dick Hern and Lord Halifax.



Willie Carson brings Bedtime home well ahead of the field in Ascot's Cumberland Lodge Stakes

Boezinge can bounce back to her best over favourite trip

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Boezinge is tipped to win the Queensway Carpets Handicap Stakes at Ascot today now that she appears to have recaptured the sort of form that enabled her to win successive races at Bath, Salisbury and Newbury last autumn.

Explaining Boezinge's indifferent record during the first half of this season, Mark Smyly, her trainer, ventured the opinion that she is quite possibly a filly who is only at her best in the autumn. But he then went on to point out that she was running over seven furlongs earlier in the season and when that experiment failed she was switched back to sprinting.

Running for the first time over five furlongs since she won a valuable nursery over the distance at Newbury last September, Boezinge put up her best performance of the year at Salisbury 16 days ago when she failed by just half a length to give 17lb to the older Saint Crespin Bay. If anything she looked a bit big in the paddock that day, so further improvement can be expected. Yesterday her trainer told me that he was greatly encouraged by the way that she had worked earlier this week in preparation for today's race.

On a point of handicapping, Boezinge is not harshly treated on the 8st mark. When she won that nursery at Newbury last year she carried the same weight as Hilton Brown, one of her rivals today, and beat him by three lengths. Now, even with Simon Whitworth claiming 5lb on Hilton Brown, my selection will be getting 20lb from him.

Hilton Brown has improved a lot this season, but if Boezinge is back to her best such a big concession could easily prove too much. Harping back again to that nursery at Newbury last year Boezinge beat Susa Steel by two-and-a-half lengths at level weights. At Newbury last Friday Susa Steel beat Saturnian by five lengths, again at level weights. Yet today Boezinge will be receiving 9lb pounds from Saturnian.

Capricorn Belle, Verchinina and Puget Sound, three of the nine runners for the Big "Q" Handicap Stakes finished fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively, behind Triagonal at Sandown Park at the end of August. In the meantime Capricorn Belle has come good at York and Doncaster where she accounted for Dukayna and North Queen among others.

As a result Capricorn Belle will now be meeting Verchinina and Puget Sound on more than a stone worse terms. In this instance I just prefer Puget Sound, the mount of Pat Eddery.

Llinos, who was beaten only a short head and half a length by Sams Wood and Torwar at Yarmouth nine days ago is preferred to Risk All, Miss Kuta Beach and The Villain for the Queensway Furniture Handicap Stakes. Before that Yarmouth defeat my selection had won a similar race at York, and as she looked a shade unlucky at Yarmouth she is taken to regain the winning trail now.

Tour d'Or, my choice for the Final Straw Stakes won his first race at Salisbury earlier this month by five lengths, just half an hour before Polykratis did likewise. The difference was their times. Tour d'Or was the faster by almost a second.

All Along in fine form for repeat attempt on Arc

From Desmond Stoneham, Paris

All Along now seems likely to try for a second victory in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Patrick Biancone, her trainer, said yesterday at Maison-Laffitte: "She's come back from the States in impeccable condition and the race did her a lot of good. She's gay and fresh and almost certain to run in the Arc."

All Along made her seasonal debut last Saturday in the Turf Classic at Belmont Park, where she was no means disgraced when fourth to the legendary John Henry.

– The Aga Khan's Darshaan worked over 11 furlongs at Chantilly race course this morning together with three stable companions. The horse appeared to go well and Alain de Royer-Dupré, his trainer, said later: "He worked normally today, but I am not really sure he's shown me enough to run in the Arc. A decision will be made with the Aga Khan before the end of the week."

John Nicholls the Australian trainer, who is preparing Strawberry Road for the Arc de Triomphe, took his five-year-old to Longchamp yesterday morning and the horse galloped around the full Arc course.

Estrapade came back to her best and dominated her 10 rivals in La Coupe at Maison-Laffitte yesterday. Ridden by Alain Lequeux, the filly put four lengths between herself and the runner-up, Palace Music. The English horse, Bob Back, finished a short neck away third, just in front of the favourite, Seattle Song.

Hern colt at Irish stud

Head for Heights, winner of the King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot, and the Princess of Wales Stakes at Newmarket this year, will not race again and will take up stallion duties at Ragusa Stud in Ireland in 1985. The son of Shirley Heights has been the subject of a number of offers made to his owner Shaikh Mohammed, who has finally decided to sell part of the horse to Ardenode Stud Ltd.

Head for Heights will be the first son of the Epsom Derby winner, Shirley Heihts to take up stallion duties in Ireland. He is a son of the Bold Lad (Ire) mare Vivante, who was bred by Alan Lillingston. Vivante has bred five winners, including stakes winners, Majestic Star, Very Sharp and Head for Heights.

ASCOT (BBC)

[Televised: BBC1: 2.15, 2.45, 3.20 BBC2: 3.55]

Draw: no advantage

GOING: good to firm

Tote: double 3.20, 4.30. Treble 2.45, 3.55, 5.0.

2.15 QUEENSWAY HARLEQUIN HANDICAP APPRENTICES (£4,852: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

101	1/3011-0	STATESMANSHIP (B) (D Horswell) R Hannon 4-9-10	L Jones	9
102	011-000	GAMBLER'S CUP (P Norman) G Harwood 3-9-10	W Woods	4
103	00-12	JOHNNY CROWN (BF) (Studcrown) L Cumani 3-9-8	A Rogers 7	5
104	220102	GOING GOING (D) (H Candy) H Candy 5-9-1	G Sylester 7	6
105	4-13411	ACE OF SPIES (D) (R Barber) P Cole 3-8-11	M Lynch 3	10
106	421-000	PERCASE (B) (D) (Lady Dunphie) I Balding 6-8-11	I Shoemark 3	7
108	221414	MAJUBA HILL (BF) (D) (E Seltzer) J Hindley 3-8-7	A Shoults	3
109	010101	SARAH'S VENTURE (D) (Mrs J Jackson) C Horgan 5-8-5 (4 ex)	E Cullen 3	1
110	104000	SIR BLESSED (Swift Racing Services) R J Williams 5-7-13	David Eddery 7	8
111	100330	FANDANGO LIGHT (H Piotnak) D Elsworth 3-7-9	D Brown 3	2

1983: Both Ends Burning 3-8-7 T Williams (9-1) H Candy 12 ran.

11-4 Sarah's Venture, 4 Going Going, 5 Ace Of Spies, 6 Johnny Crown, 8 Gambler's Cup, 9 Majuba Hill, 10 Percase, 14 others.

FORM: GAMBLER'S CUP (9-7) 5½l 6th to Manlusha (8-5) at Goodwood (1m 4f, £4,286, good, Sept 15, 9 ran). JOHNNY CROWN, (9-7) neck 2nd to Touchez Le Bois (8-11) at Nottingham (1m 2f, £12,793, firm, Apr 23, 21 ran). ACE OF SPIES, (11-0) won amateurs event by 10l from Misty Halo (11-7) at Kempton (1m 4f, £1,388, Sept 8, 13 ran). MAJUBA HILL, (9-7) 1½l 4th of 10 to Pacificus (8-9) at Hamilton (1m 5f, £1,887, good, Sept 25). SARAH'S VENTURE, (9-2) beat GOING GOING (10-2) by 2½l at Goodwood (1m 4f, £1,965, good, Sept 17, 15 ran). FANDANGO LIGHT, (8-1) 9th to No No Girl (8-4) last time out, earlier (8-0) ½l 3rd to Mafoo's Image (8-4) at Sandown (1m 2f, £3,392, good to firm, Sept 1, 8 ran).
Selection: SARAH'S VENTURE.

2.45 QUEENSWAY CARPETS HANDICAP (£8,064: 5f) (11)

201	141103	HILTON BROWN (CD) (Lord McAlpine) P Cundell 3-9-11	S Whitworth 5	7
204	022012	SATURNIAN (Exors late Lady Chelsea) W Hern 3-8-9	W Carson	10
205	3000-00	BOLD SECRET (I Stewart-Brown) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-8-7	Pat Eddery	6
206	000020	SINGING SAILOR (D) (Introgroup Holdings Ltd) R Hannon 5-8-6	L Piggott	11
207	002400	ARDROX LAD (D) (Shaikh Al Nahayan) M Blanshard 4-8-4	N Adams 5	9
208	022040	TOBERMORY BOY (D) (C Longbottom) R Whitaker 7-8-2	T Quinn	1
209	031210	FERRYMAN (CD) (W Plummer) D Elsworth 8-8-2	B Rouse	3
211	303000	BROADWATER MUSIC (D) (P H Betts [Holdings] Ltd) M Tompkins 3-8-1	W Woods 5	8
212	1-00002	BOEZINGE (D) (R Smyly) R Smyly 3-8-0	M L Thomas	5
216	122131	KING CHARLEMAGNE (D) (Mrs I Ryles) Mrs G Reveley 5-7-7	A Shoults 7	4
218	444304	YOUNG INCA (CD) (J Boswell) L Cottrell 6-7-7	N Carlisle	2

1983: Petong 3-7-10 W Carson (9-2 fav) M Jarvis 20 ran.

4 Singing Sailor, 5 Hilton Brown, 6 Saturnian, 7 Boezinge, 8 Ferryman, 10 Ardrox Lad, King Charlemagne, 12 Young Inca, Tobermory Boy, Bold Secret, 16 Broadwater Music.

FORM: HILTON BROWN, (9-10) A 1l 3rd to Prince Reymo (9-13) at Doncaster, earlier (9-9) beat SINGING SAILOR (9-4) by 1½l over course and distance (£1,786, good to firm, July 27, 7 ran). SATURNIAN, (8-9) 5l 2nd to Susa Steel (8-9) at Newbury (5f, £3,132, good, Sept 21, 8 ran). FERRYMAN, (8-5) 3l 8th to Able Albert (8-6) at Ayr (5f, £19,878, soft, Sept 22, 29 ran). BOEZINGE, (9-4) ½l 2nd to Saint Crespin Bay (8-8) at Salisbury, last year (8-13) beat Rio Riva (9-4) a neck at Newbury (5f, £6,216, good, Sept 17, 1983, 15 ran). KING CHARLEMAGNE, (8-6) beat Rambling River (9-5) by ¾l at Haydock, TOBERMORY BOY, (9-7) ¾l away 4th and ARDROX LAD, (9-10) a further 2½l away 9th after being bumped (5f, £8,501, firm, Sept 7, 13 ran).
Selection: BOEZINGE

Ascot selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Ace Of Spies. 2.45 BOEZINGE (nap). 3.20 Puget Sound. 3.55 Llinos. 4.30 Tour D'Or. 5.0 Woodland Pines.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Majuba Hill. 2.45 Bold Secret. 3.20 Capricorn Belle. 3.55 The Villian. 5.0 Burning Arrow.

By Michael Seely

2.15 Ace Of Spies. 2.45 Boezinge. 4.30 TOUR D'OR.

3.20 BIG 'Q' HANDICAP (3-y-o fillies: £12,306: 1m) (9)

301	020411	CAPRICORN BELLE (D) (I Allen) L Cumani 10-0	R Guest	4
303	24-1222	LARA (D) (M Fustok) O Douieb 9-7	R Machado 5	3
304	3-1033	DUKAYNA (D) (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 9-4	W R Swinburn	2
305	413002	NORTH QUEEN (E Holding) G Lewis 9-4	L Piggott	5
307	141003	VERCHININA (CD) (W Gredley) B Hills 9-1	S Cauthen	8
308	0-00004	LEXIS (Hesmonds Stud) P Walwyn 9-1	J Mercer	1
310	00-0120	VIEW (B) (D) (R McAulay) S Hanbury 8-13	–	7
312	003110	PUGET SOUND (D) (M Berger) J Dunlop 8-12	Pat Eddery	9
316	0-03110	CASCABEL (E Johnson) M Tompkins 7-7	B Crossley	6

1983: Dinner Toast 7-13 P Robinson (6-1) R Armstrong 12 ran.

3 North Queen, 100-30 Capricorn Belle, 5 Verchinina, 11-2 Lara, 6 Dukayna, 8 Puget Sound, 10 View, 14 others.

Form: CAPRICORN BELLE (8-6) ¾l winner from NORTH QUEEN (8-2) at Doncaster (8f), previously (8-8) she beat Shaneesbily (8-8) by 2½l at York with DUKAYNA (8-9) ¾l away 3rd (7f, £7,488, good, Sept 5, 10 ran), previously (8-8) 3l 4th to Triagonal (8-8) at Sandown (8f) with PUGET SOUND (8-11) 1½l away 5th, VERCHININA (9-2) a neck away 6th, and NORTH QUEEN (8-13) a further 1½l away 8th. VERCHININA, (8-10) has since been beaten a short head and 2½l into 3rd by Clare Bridge (8-12) and TRIAGONAL (8-12) at The Curragh (8f, £9,0012, good, Sept 15, 13 ran). VIEW, (8-9) last of 15 to Borushka (8-9) at York (1m 4f), earlier (8-12) beat Guess Again (8-10) by 2½l at Wolverhampton (8f, £2,897, firm, July 9, 12 ran).
Selection: NORTH QUEEN.

3.55 QUEENSWAY FURNITURE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £8,194: 1m 2f) (7)

403	1-14004	ROYAL HALO (Mrs D Campbell) G Harwood 9-7	G Starkey	7
404	401-00	CRAMPON (Lord Derby) W Hern 9-8	W Carson	1
406	413013	LLINOS (J Lloyd) J Winter 8-13	R Fox	2
407	130003	RISK ALL (B) (D) (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) J Dunlop 8-9	B Rouse	3
410	432012	MISS KUTA BEACH (D) (J Pearce) M Stoute 8-3	Pat Eddery	4
411	034123	THE VILLAIN (B) (D) (BF) (Mrs J Bryce) R Armstrong 8-2	M L Thomas	6
413	001124	ACERCATE (B) (M Perasticos) M Francis 7-10	S Dawson 5	5

1983: Soldier Ant 8-8 Pat Eddery (10-1) C Brittain 11 ran.

11-4 Royal Halo, 100-30 Llinos, 9-2 Miss Kuta Beach, 6 Crampon, 8 Risk All, 10 The Villain, Acercate.

Form: ROYAL HALO, (8-12) 4 ¼l 4th to Ivano (9-10) at Goodwood (8f, £2,688, good, Sept 14, 8 ran). CRAMPON, (9-7) 7th to Royal Loma (8-10) at Newbury (1m 2f, £3,564, good, Sept 21, 12 ran). LLINOS (8-2) fast finishing ½l 3rd to Sams Wood (7-7) at Yarmouth (1m 2f, £8,168, good, Sept 19, 8 ran). RISK ALL, (8-13) 1l 3rd of 8 to Il Pontevecchio (8-7) at Goodwood (1m 4f, £8,080, good, Sept 14). MISS KUTA BEACH, (9-3) neck 2nd to Tizzy (8-9) at Brighton (1m 2f, £2,738, good, Sept 19, 13 ran). ACERCATE, (8-6) 4th to San Fermin (7-9) on very soft ground at Ayr, earlier (8-6) beat King Harry (8-4) by 4l at Windsor, with THE VILLAIN (8-6) 10l away 3rd (1m 3.5f, £2,654, good to firm, Aug 25, 8 ran). THE VILLAIN (8-6) had earlier beaten MISS KUTA BEACH (8-8) by ½l at Leicester (1m 2f, £2,673, good to firm, July 16, 8 ran).
Selection: LLINOS.

4.30 FINAL STRAW STAKES (2-y-o: C & G: £7,272: 7f) (8)

505		DOO BAYSH (F Salman) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	7
506		DR FORLI (R Sangster) B Hills 8-11	S Cauthen	1
508	0	KING LUTHIER (E Holding) G Lewis 8-11	L Piggott	2
510	0	MASTERLY (K Abdulla) J Tree 8-11	Pat Eddery	6
512	1	POLYKRATIS (D) (M Perasticos) M Francis 8-11	J Reid	4
514	4	THE FOOTMAN (A Smith) D Elsworth 8-11	B Rouse	5
515	000	THE YOMPER (Mrs V Duffield) D Elsworth 8-11	A McGlone	3
516	1	TOUR D'OR (D) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 8-11	G Starkey	8

1983: Donzel 8-11 Pat Eddery (7-1) J Tree 8 ran.

5-4 Tour d'Or, 4 Polykratis, 5 The Footman, 6 Doo Baysh, 7 Dr Forli, 10 Masterly, 14 thers.

FORM: MASTERLY (9-0) 9½l 5th to Lemhill (9-0) at Goodwood (7f, £2,198, good, Sept 14, 11 ran). POLYKRATIS (9-0) easily beat Dubai Tornado (9-0) by 5l at Salisbury (7f, £1,194, good to firm, Sept 13, 14 ran). THE FOOTMAN (8-11) was a 3½l 4th to Sabona (8-11) at Kempton with KING LUTHIER (8-11) 4l away 5th (7f, £4,799, good to firm, Sept 8, 12 ran). THE YOMPER (9-0) out of first 9 to Numchuck at Goodwood, previously (8-11) 9l 7th to Phardante (9-4) at Kempton (7f, £3,439, good to firm, July 13, 9 ran). TOUR D'OR (9-0) ridden out to beat Bell Ringer (9-0) by 5l at Salisbury (7f, £1,188, good to firm, Sept 13, 14 ran).
Selection: THE FOOTMAN.

5.0 KENSINGTON PALACE STAKES (2-y-o: £5,671: 5f) (6)

601	31	WOODLAND PINES (D) (R Sangster) B Hills 8-12	S Cauthen	2
602	0	BURNING ARROW (B Al-Kabir) B Hanbury 8-11	L Piggott	5
603	033	THE ANDYSTAN (S Powell) J Sutcliffe 8-11	Pat Eddery	6
604	2	ADAGIO (R Sangster) B Hills 8-8	–	1
605	00030	PRIORS SONG (B) (Mrs R Tennant) R Hannon 8-8	B Rouse	3
606	0200	SHALBEE (A Speake) J Bridger 8-8	W R Swinburn	4

1983: Alpine Springs 9-1 L Piggott (8-13 fav) R Armstrong 5 ran.

5-2 Woodland Pines, 11-4 Adagio, 5 The Andystan, 11-2 Burning Arrow, 6 Shalbee, 9 Priors Song.

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GOING: good

Draw: no advantage

2.30 SCARBOROUGH SELLING STAKES (2-y-o: £1,207: 7f) (25 runners)

4	400	BARCHAM PRINCE W Hastings-Bass 8-11	T Ives	17
6	0	CODED HIGHWAY T Fairhurst 8-11	M Beecroft	20
7	0000	COMTEC PRINCE (B) K Stone 8-11	W Ryan 3	19
9	2000	DESCARTES M W Easterby 8-11	M Hindley 5	18
10		DIGGER BOY Miss L Siddall 8-11	G Gosney	15
11	0	DRUMBARRA P Wigham 8-11	M Wigham	9
13	0000	HAPPY CASH W Bentley 8-11	G Duffield	21
15	0000	KODA KHAN W A Stephenson 8-11	G Skeats	11
17	0000	MISTER PETARD (B) N Tinkler 8-11	P Robinson	8
22	0000	SOONER C Gray 8-11	O Gray	16
23	000	TREREW H Collingridge 8-11	E Guest 5	7
26	00	BORN SHARP M H Easterby 8-8	K Hodgson	25
27	00001	BREGA DIAMOND (B) T Fairhurst 8-8	C Coates 5	10
28	0000	CRAFTY POTTER W Bentley 8-8	B Raymond	3
30	0	IN DISPUTE M Lambert 8-8	D Oldham	22
31	000	JARSULA W Wharton 8-8	W Wharton	24
33	0040	JOBERT (B) W Musson 8-8	R Sidebottom	12
35		MAYFLOWER GIRL W Hastings-Bass 8-8	R Lines 5	5
36	000	NORTHERN BALLERINA E Carter 8-8	C Dwyer	6
38	00	PINK EBONY M W Easterby 8-8	M Fray	4
40	0040	SHAF (B) S Norton 8-8	J Lowe	14
41	000	STAR ITEM (B) M H Easterby 8-8	M Birch	23
42	0000	SWEET GEMMA N Tinkler 8-8	NON RUNNER	
43		TREE MIST Miss S Hall 8-8	S Webster	2
44		TRUE BEAR M Naughton 8-8	N Connorton	1

1983: Miki Miki Motor 8-8 J Lowe (33-1) T Craig 22 ran.

4 Descartes, 9-2 Born Sharp, 5 Brega Diamond, 6 Barcham Prince, 7 Star Item, 8 Koda Khan, 10 Shaf, 12 Tree Mist, 14 others.

Redcar selections

By Mandarin

2.30 Born Sharp. 3.0 Jewel In The Crown. 3.30 Knight's Heir. 4.0 Western Dancer. 4.30 Conrara. 5.0 Willow Bark.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.30 Barcham Prince. 3.0 Jewel In The Crown. 3.30 Vormorco. 4.0 Favourite Nephew. 4.30 Try Me. 5.0 Willow Bark.

3.0 NEWBY NURSERY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £2,264: 7f) (16)

1	013	LIMBO (D) G Harwood 9-7	A Clark	16
3	2430	NO REBATE M Ryan 9-3	P Robinson	3
9	3233	JEWEL IN THE CROWN R J Williams 8-8	T Ives	12
10	0400	THE HOWARD (B) Mrs C Reavey 8-7	A Bond	10
14	040	LA BLEU J Fitzgerald 8-2	T Williams 3	14
15	1000	ALANCAR K Stone 8-2	C Dwyer	1
18	2004	POKEY (BF) M W Easterby 8-1	K Darley	5
19	004	SMOKEY GEM R Hollinshead 8-1	W Ryan 3	4
21	0040	PRINCE DARIUS (B) C Tinkler 8-0	L Charnock	8
22	000	CONTINENTAL HOUSE (B) M H Easterby 7-11	M Hills	2
23	0103	SUNWOOD (B) (D) W Elsey 7-11	J Lowe	7
26	0000	EBOR GREY J Fitzgerald 7-8	–	13
29	0040	MAVITTA DEE P Calver 7-7	M Fray	11
31	0000	ALPS COMET R Hobson 7-7	S P Griffiths 5	6
36	004	RECORD HAULIER H Blackshaw 7-7	A Mackay	9
39	000	EMMAZENDA J Parkes 7-7	–	15

1983: (6) Mr Meeka 9-0 J Lowe (11-2) S Norton 16 ran.

7-2 Limbo, 4 Jewel In The Crown, 5 Pokey, 6 Sunwood, 8 No Rebate.

3.30 GLAISDALE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,052: 2m 115yd) (16)

3	33203	VORNORCO (C) A Stewart 9-7	M Birch	16
4	4400	ANCIENT MARINER R Houghton 9-6	K Darley	8
6	1100	HARLYN BAY S Norton 9-4	J Lowe	7
8	0000	WASSEM C Horgan 9-8	P Cook	6
9	0000	SIGNORINA GOONE C Gray 9-2	O Gray	5
11	0413	MASTER LAD G Huffer 9-1	M Miller	14
15	2310	MR TEASIE WEASIE W Pearce 8-13	N Connorton	3
19	0300	FOREWARN J Dunlop 8-9	G Duffield	4
21	4003	SEA BED G Wragg 8-7	T Ives	2
23	4330	JULIETTE MARINER C Brittain 8-7	P Robinson	9
24	2100	MERDON MONARCH R Sheather 8-7	R Cochrane	11
25	2230	MAJOR'S REQUEST E Weymes 8-6	E Guest 5	12
26	0000	KIEV R Hollinshead 8-5	W Ryan 3	13
28	00-00	SAVOIR VIVRE M W Easterby 8-3	M Fray	15
29	1030	KNIGHT'S HEIR D Arbuthnot 8-0	M Hills	10
30	0000	PRIME STONE J Etherington 8-0	M Wood	1

1983: Bellamuse 8-10 T Ives (25-1) E Eldin 12 ran.

11-4 Vornorco, 5 Harlyn Bay, 13-2 Ancient Mariner, Master Lad, 8 Juliette Mariner, 10 Sea Bed, Knight's Heir, 16 others.

4.0 GUNNERGATE MAIDEN STAKES (£1,711: 1m 4f) (12)

4	3300	BRONSKI (B) S Norton 3-8-8	J Lowe	1
5	0003	CONNAUGHT PRINCE W Hastings-Bass 3-8-8	R Cochrane	9
7	0222	FAVOURITE NEPHEW F Durr 3-8-8	G Duffield	8
9	0333	ISOLA VERDE (B) M Jarvis 3-8-8	B Raymond	7
12	4022	WESTERN DANCER C Horgan 3-8-8	P Cook	5
15	40-00	CALYPSO QUEEN G Calvert 3-8-5	C Steels 7	11
16	0022	COUNTY LINE (BF) R J Williams 3-8-5	T Ives	4
18	0000	ELITIST N Chamberlain 3-8-5	D Nicholls	3
21	0000	LIBRA'S HOPE J Dunlop 3-8-5	M Birch	2
22	4000	LUCKLIFFE (B) M Ryan 3-8-5	P Robinson	6
23	0320	RABUBA G Huffer 3-8-5	M Miller	10
25	4030	VLASSOVA H Cecil 3-8-5	Paul Eddery	12

1983: Bayrak 3-8-8 P Cook (5-2) R Houghton 17 ran.

7-4 Western Dancer, 11-4 County Line, 5 Favourite Nephew, 13-2 Vlassova, 8 Connaught Prince, 12 Rabuba, 16 others.

4.30 FLAMBOROUGH STAKES (£2,257: 5f) (13)

1	2018	TASKFORCE VICTORY W A Stephenson 3-9-2	M Hindley 5	12
2	1232	CONRARA (D) (BF) M H Easterby 3-8-13	M Birch	4
3	2031	FLEUR DE LYPHARD (D) J Dunlop 3-8-13	P Cook	3
6	0204	TRY ME (D) M Ryan 3-8-13	P Barnard 7	1
7	2040	CAPTAIN'S BIDD (B) L Lightbrown 4-8-9	P Robinson	10
10	40-23	BELLE EPOQUE (B) D Arbuthnot 4-8-6	M Hills	5
11	000-3	BLESSIT W Pearce 4-8-6	N Connorton	6
13	1004	GOLDEN OCTOBER (B) M Jarvis 3-8-6	B Raymond	7
14	2-312	NONNITA M Prescott 3-8-6	G Duffield	9
15		HADRIAN'S HYTECH T Fairhurst 3-8-4	R P Elliott	13
17	03-00	HOT MELODY (B) W Guest 3-8-1	M Miller	2
20	0000	NEVER TURN BACK G Calvert 3-8-1	L Charnock	8
22	433-	TIMINALA A Hide 3-8-1	P Bloomfield 3	11

1983: Captivate 3-8-13 E Hide (6-1) A Hide 11 ran.

2 Conrara, 100-30 Fleur De Lyphard, 11-2 Nonnita, 13-2 Taskforce Victory, 8 Belle Epoque, 12 Golden October, Try Me, 14 others.

5.0 CARLTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: c & g: £1,579: 1m) (20)

1	0	ALAASIF H Thomson-Jones 9-0	R Hills	13
5	34	BLANDVILLE (BF) G Harwood 9-0	A Clark	2
6		BOGAZKOY W Wharton 9-0	W Wharton	20
8	0	CAVALIERAVANTGARDE P Wigham 9-0	M Wigham	19
9		CLOUD DANCER Mrs G Reaveley 9-0	E Guest 5	17
10	0	COUSIN CUTHBERT M W Easterby 9-0	M Hindley 5	12
13	0	DUDLEY'S STAR A Bailey 9-0	P Bloomfield 3	14
14	0	EMPIRE SANDS B Wilkinson 9-0	M Wood	7
15	02	FINAL STEP T Fairhurst 9-0	R P Elliott	16
20		GREETLAND DANCER S Wiles 9-0	D Nicholls	3
25	000	NATHAN BRITTLES (B) S Norton 9-0	J Lowe	10
26	02	NIGHT WARRIOR J Mason 9-0	G Duffield	4
27	0	ORABION M Jarvis 9-0	B Raymond	9
32	00	ROSTHERNE J Fitzgerald 9-0	T Williams 3	16
34	00	SHAD RABUGK J Dunlop 9-0	T Ives	15
36	0300	SKELLIG BAY (B) R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks	6
40		TERRA DI SIENA C Horgan 9-0	P Cook	1
43		THE LODGE PRINCE M Ryan 9-0	P Robinson	18
45	0	TURN OF LUCK M H Easterby 9-0	M Birch	11
46		WILLOW BARK H Cecil 9-0	Paul Eddery	5

1983: (Div I) Coping 9-0 W R Swinburn (4-1 jt-fav) M Stoute 17 ran. (Div II) Jamais Derriere 9-0 G Oldroyd (6-1) C Booth 15 ran.

7-4 Willow Bark, 3 Blandville, 11-2 Shad Rabugk, 8 Alaasif, Final Step.

Ascot results

Going: Good to firm

2.0 SWINLEY FOREST HANDICAP (£5,444: 1m)

MACARTHURS HEAD b c by Dom Racine – Mother Brown (A Struthers) 3-9-10 W Carson (7-1) 1

Joyful Dancer ch c by Gay Fandango – Sheer Joy (D How) 4-8-9 T Quinn (6-1) 2

Test of Time br c by Bay Express – Brilliant Rosy (A Chapman) 3-8-12 S Cauthen (5-1 jt-fav) 3

Also Ran: 5 Jt-fav Sunoak 4th, Corn Street, 11-2 Gambler's Dream 5th, 12 Caro's Lad 6th, 14 Tetron Bay, 16 Concert Pitch

TOTE: Win: £8.20. Places: £1.60, £2.10, £1.30. DF: £39.00. CSF: £51.98. 1m 41.79 sec. J Dunlop at Arundel. 9 ran. 1l, nk, ¾l, ¾l, ¾l.

2.30 CLARENCE HOUSE MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £6,815: 6f)

FOULAAD b c by Raja Baba – Masshaeen (H Al-Maktoum) 9-0 A Murray (5-1) 1

Pacific Gold ch c by Owen Dudley – Orange Sensation (Mrs P Yong) 9-0 Pat Eddery (2-1 fav v) 2

Multi System ro c by The Minstrel – Nocturnal Spree (M Al-Maktoum) 9-0 W Carson n (11-4) 3

Also Ran: 7 Redreed 4th, 16 Dubricius FELL DEAD, 20 Anansi, Home Flyer 5th, 33 Rikrid Rel, 100 Another Angus 6th

TOTE: Win: £5.40. Places: £1.80, £1.30, £1.30. DF: £6.10. CSF: £13.53. 1 m 14.49 sec. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. 9 ran. 2½l, 6l, 10l, ¾l, ¾l.

3.05 HOOVER FILLIES' MILE (2-y-o: Group III: £21,496: 1m)

OH SO SHARP ch f by Kris – Oh So Fair (Shaikh Mohammed) 8-10 L Piggott (6-5 fav) 1

Helen Street b f by Troy – Waterway (Sir M Sobell) 9-0 W Carson (3-1) 2

Morning Devotion ch f by Affirmed – Morning Has Broken (R Sangster) 8-7 W R Swinburn (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 12 Lost Cause (5th), 14 Pollination (4th), 20 Devon Defender, 33 Carlingford Rose (6th), 66 Elegant Fashion. 8ran. 1½l, 2l, ½l, sh-hd, 6l. H Cecil at Newmarket.

TOTE: Win: £2.00. Places: £1.30, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £2.00. CSF: £4.52. 1m 42.44sec.

3.40 DIADEM STAKES (Group III: £14,344: 6f)

NEVER SO BOLD b g by Bold Lad – Never Never Land (E Kessly) 4-9-7 S Cauthen (85-40) 1

Fortysecond Street ch f by Sharpen Up – Dare Me (Sir J Astor) 3-8-9 J Mercer (33-1) 2

Habibti br f by Habitat – Klairessa (M Mutawa) 4-9-4 W Carson (2-1 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-4 Petong (4th), 25 Late Sally (6th), 33 Miss Silca Key, 40 Camisite (5th), 100 Bold Fort, My Son My Son. 9 ran. 1½l, 1l, 4l, sh-hd, hd. R Armstrong at Newmarket.

TOTE: Win: £3.90. Places: £1.20, £2.20, £1.40. DF: £30.60. CSF: £47.73. 1m 13.91sec.

4.10 CUMBERLAND LODGE STAKES (Group III: £14,104: 1m 4f)

BEDTIME ch g by Bustino – Sweet Hour (Lord Halifax) 4-9-3 W Carson (11-10 fav) 1

Opale ch f by Busted – Coming Tower (Snailwell Stud Co Ltd) 4-9-0 Pat Eddery (11-2) 2

Longboat b c by Welsh Pageant – Pirogue (R Hollingsworth) 3-8-5 B Rouse (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 13-2 Jupiter Island (4th), 15-2 Carlingford Castle (6th), 12 Borushka (5th), 16 Jabal Tarik. 7 ran. ¾l, 1½l, nk, ½l. W Hern at West Ilsley.

TOTE: Win: £1.80. Places: £1.30, £2.50. DF: £4.40. CSF: £8.91. 2m 35.35sec.

4.40 GORDON CARTER HANDICAP (£5,444: 2m)

PRINCE CROW ch c Crow – by Fashionably Timed (Sir G White) 3-8-8 L Piggott (8-1 fav) 1

Popsi's Joy b g by Hill Clown – Popsi's Pride (V Lawson) 9-8-9 W Carson (7-2) 2

Rikki Tavi b c by Monsanto – Goosie Gantlet (A Boon) 4-7-13 S Whitworth (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: Kurosawa (5th), 7 Another Sam, 16 Appeal To Me (4th), Dark Proposal (6th), 20 Prince of Princes, 66 Cutting Edge. NR: Valuable Witness. 9 ran. Sh-hd, 2½l, nk, 3l, 6l. M Stoute at Newmarket.

TOTE: Win: £2.80. Places: £1.20, £1.10, £1.20. DF: £3.40. CSF: £12.22. TRICAST: £38.68. 3m 38.89sec.

5.10 BISHOPSGATE APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,691: 1m)

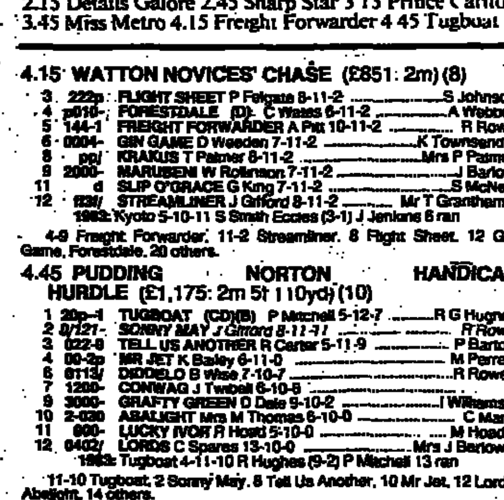
FIRST PLEASURE b f by Dominion – First Delight (J Rose) 3-8-1 R Lines (11-2) 1

Mailman ch by Malacate – Saliell (Mrs J McDougald) 5-8-3 S O'Gorman (11-2) 2

Come on the Blues bg by Blue Cashmere – Floral Gift (Mrs C Paterna) 5-8-4 Gay Kelleway (14-1) 3

Also Ran: 5-2 fav Abu Kadra (6th), 8 Gunner's Belle, Mafoo's Image (4th), Swift Palm (5th), 14 Ampersand, 20 Rapid Lad, 50 Heckley Hinny. 10 ran. Sh hd, hd, ¾l, ¾, nk. W Hastings Bass, at Newmarket. TOTE: Win: £3.70. Places: £1.20, £1.80, £2.80. DF: £8.20. CSF: £31.82. Tricast: £357.56. Official time: 1m 45.48s. After Stewards inquiry and objection by forth to second – RESULT STANDS. Tote double: £2.08: Tote treble: £36.85. Jackpot: £10,547.15. Placepot: £2.75.





Henry Cecil: Guineas hopes for Oh So Sharp

Beverley

Going: good.

2.15 (5f) 1, MANGO MAY SING (G Carter, 7-2 fav); 2, Fairgreen (D Nicholls, 4-1); 3, Cadea (R Curant, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Suzel, 10 Boncleaves, Dancimo, The Mazall, 16 Brians Bridge (6th), Crowfoot's Couture, Native Ruler, 20 Blochairn Skolar (5th), Caversham, Entablature (4th), John Fresh, Rapid Lady, Richard's Return, 25 El Hombre, Beer Singer, Sherpa Boy, Duty Watch, Antonita, Gamesu (withdrawn, under starter's orders), North Pine, April Imp. 24 ran. NR: Mr Toughgey. ½l, nk, 2½l, 1½l, hd. G Huffer at Newmarket. TOTE £5.50; £2.40, £1.70, £3.90. DF: £4.30. CSF: £20.85. Bought in 1,300 gns.

2.45 (5f) 1, STONEYDALE (N Connorton, 7-2 fav); 2, Susangus (M L Thomas, 9-2); 3, Charming View (M Hills, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Rosie Dickins, 9 Ashley Hope (6th), 10 Bed And Breakfast (5th), Mister Meanor, 14 Bucks Bolt (4th), Miss Judd, 16 Don't Tell Me, Northern Parade, 20 ernies Choice, 25 Poly Do, 50 Hobournes. 14 ran. ¾l, 1l, ¾l, 2½l. I Westbrook at Newmarket. TOTE: £5.30; £2.70, ¾.00, £1.40. DF: £5.80. CSF: £20.36. Tricast £115.65.

3.15 (2m) 1, LUXURY (N Carlisle, 3-1 fav); 2, Muqadar (G Starkey, 4-1); 3, Miles-Cannibal (M Hills, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Riboburg (6th), 7 Our Island Story, 12 Basta (4th), Cheka, 14 Scottish Dream, 16 Charlotte's Dunce, Pass To Paradise, Pearlpin, 20 Hydrangea, Mirlini, 33 Ronysol, Sleeping Sandman (5th). 15 ran. 5l, 4l, hd, 3l, 7l. E Carr at Hambleton. TOTE: £3.70; £1.60, £1.60, £17.10. DF: £5.40. CSF: £15.65. Tricast: £310.78.

3.45 (1m 2f) 1, WILDRUSH (C Coates, 20-1); 2, Aamahel (J Matthias, 8-1); 3, Smoke Creek (Paul Eddery, 11-2); 4, Cap d'Azure (J Lowe, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Swiss Franc Sweety, 8 Cheshire House, Marami, 10 Here I Am, 12 Monticelli, 16 Little Egret (5th), 20 Bolders, Present Value, Starjey, 25 Acclamation, Campus Boy, Belle Vue, Indian Call, Walk Along (6th). 18 ran. NR: Marshalla 1½l, sh, hd, 2½l, ¾l, ¾l. W C Watts at Bridlington. TOTE: £31.00; £5.40, £2.20, £1.30, £2.70. DF: £413.40. CSF: £174.42. TRICAST: £931.66.

4.15 (1m 4f) 1, LUMINATE (G Duffield, 5-6 fav); 2, Whispering Grass (G Starkey, 2-1); 3, Brigadier Jacques (P Robinson, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Pennyweight, 10 Jasar, 25 Hard Line (4th), Lacord, Vaguely Sharp (5th), 50 Mock Sun, Rika Mia (6th), Rossy For Sport, Swift Reprisal. 12 ran. 1l, 4l, 1l, 8l, 4l. J Dunlop at Arundel. TOTE: £1.70; £1.10, £1.10, £3.00. DF: £2.30. CSF: £3.36.

4.45 (1m) 1, ASTICOT (M Hills, 7-1); 2, Testimonial (R Hills, 5-4 fav); 3, Deramin (Paul Eddery, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Signore Odone (6th), 6 Soldier Of Fortune, 8 Vickstown (4th), 14 Musical Will, 16 Bollin Palace, 20 Mister Point, Sadin, 25 Red Ensign (5th), Company Magic, Glen-Roy-Boy. 13 ran. 1½l, hd, 5l, 8l, hd. J Hindley at Newmarket. TOTE: £7.90; £2.70, £1.20, £3.50. DF: £11.70. CSF: £17.12.

5.10 (1m) 1, BLACK HUNTER (A Kimberley evens fav); 2, Dubai Tornado (G Starkey, 5-2); 3, Sirens Tanks (Paul Eddery, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Follow The Band (4th), Bright Turn, 14 Butterwick, 16 Special Boy, 20 Sound Diffusion (6th), 33 Alcazaba, Shalman (5th), The Protector, Tomtredlehoyle. 12 ran. Nk, 12l, 1l, 1l, 1½l, 3l. M Stoute at Newmarket. TOTE: £2.10; £1.50, £1.20, £2.90. DF: £2.00. CSF: £4.67. PLACEPOT: £5.65.

WORCESTER

GOING: good to firm

2.30 LITTLEWORTH NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £548: 2m 2f) (12 runners)

4	0000-	ARDOONY R Hollinshead 6-10-0	J Francome
8		KNOCK HARD Mrs M Dickinson 5-10-0	R Earnshaw
9	f3p1-	LUCKY REW T Bulgin 9-10-10	B De Haan
10		MUSIC PRINCE T Bulgin 9-10-0	J Bryan
13	303-4	STORTON C Hitchings 5-10-10	R Hyett
14	0333-	BANDELERO R Holder 4-10-8	N Coleman 7
15	242-0	BRYMA B Palling 4-10-8	A Griffiths 4
19	220-2	IT'S KELLY (BF) G Balding 4-10-8	B Reilly
20		KUWAIT SUN M Tate 4-10-8	P Scudamore
23	3000-	TOP TOUCH Mrs A Hewitt 4-10-8	NON-RUNNER
24	2	CASSIO LIL D Burchell 5-10-5	G Davies
26	4000-	MARANZI J Colston 6-10-5	C Smith

1983: Dance Of Life 4-11-1 J Bryant (9-2) Mrs W Sykes 14 ran.

9-4 Kuwait Sun, 3 Knock Hard, 5 It's Kelly, 7 Bryma, 9 Lucky Rew, 12 Storton, Casso Lil, 16 others.

3.00 BROADHEATH NOVICES CHASE (£1,336: 2m 4f) (17)

6	04/1-u	BRITISH CROWN (BF) M Madgwick 8-11-5 NON-RUNNER	A Madgwick 4
7	3	BYE APPEAL N Mitchell 8-11-5	B Powell 4
8	0/p0p-	CHALK PIT N Henderson 8-11-5	S Smith Eccles
10	0010-	DUNROSE B Venn 10-11-5	S Morshead
11	00/00	FLYING CARPET A Chamberlain 8-11-5	A Chamberlain
12	600-0	FLYING FISHNET Mrs J Barrow 8-11-5	G Mernagh
13	12-00	GOLD FLOOR J Bradley 7-11-5	G Davies
15	1230-	HASSI R'MEL F Yardley 6-11-5	R Crank
17	f-	MOTOR BIKE MAN J King 8-11-5	B McCourt
16	2201-	NUGENT F Winter 8-11-5	J Francome
20	p	RAISED ABOVE P Pauling 7-11-5	J McKie
21	p0/2f-	RIVER SHEEN T Forster 6-11-5	Mrs S Virr
23	u0/	SPARTAN LOVER Mrs S Virr 8-11-5	C Brown
25	ppp0-	WADSWICK LAD R Barton 8-11-5	C Brown
27	300/	DUSTY RUSHES M Castell 6-11-0	M Castell
28	4303-	SAFFRON'S DAUGHTER D Gandolfo 8-11-0	R Earnshaw
30	0044-	CIRILO AMORIS M Madgwick 6-10-11	A Madgwick 4

1983: Div I: Winterland 7-11-10 P Scudamore (6-2) J Thorne 12 ran. Div II: Scottish Sound 7-11-5 R Linley (4-6 fav) L Kennard 11 ran.

15-8 Nugent, 3 5 River Sheen, 6 Saffron's Daughter, 8 Gold Floor, 10 Hassi R'Mel, 14 others.

3.30 PEACHEY SELLING HURDLE (£1,206: 2m) (15)

1	0/101	ARDENT WARRIOR (CD) R Hodges 5-11-5	S Earle
2	00-44	SINGALONG JOE (D) (B) C Popham 6-11-5	J Suthern
3	3243	TOP REEF (BF) (B) J Jenkins 6-11-5	J Francome
5	0000/	ALEX CHOICE Mrs M Bevan 5-10-12	C Smith
8	4440	HAVEN'S PRIDE (B) B Preece 5-10-12	R Stronge
9	06-22	HAWAIIAN HEIR (B) W Clay 5-10-12	S J O'Neill
10	06-34	HIGHAM HILL D Gandolfo 5-10-12	R Earnshaw
14	4p-00	CLEVER ANGLE (B) B Forsey 4-10-7	P Croucher 4
17	0-0	MODERN MAN J Bradley 4-10-7	G Davies
18		MORTON LADY A Aylett 5-10-7	A Madgwick 4
20	0000-	SLATE D Wintle 5-10-7	R Hyett
21	00-	WESTFIELD AD FOBS D Burchell 5-10-7	C Seward
22		AIRLLE G Balding 4-10-2	B Reilly
23		ARCTIC FIRE J Bradley 4-10-2	Sharon James
25	0-0	ETOILE D'ARGENT J Jenkins 4-10-2	

1983: Wee William 6-10-9 J Francome (3-1 fav) B Hicks 21 ran

5-2 Higham Hill, 7-2 Ardent Warrior, 9-2 Hawaiian Heir, 6 Top Reef, Singalong Joe, 10 Etoile D Argent, 12 Haven's Pride, 16 others

4.0 STOCK GREEN HANDICAP CHASE (£1,567 3m) (7)

5	041-1	MARCHANT (CD) J Thorne 12-11-8 (7 ex)	P Dever
6	2f0b-	BRAVE JACK Mrs W Sykes 8-11-7	S Morshead
8	1043-	NORTH LANE K Bishop 7-10-12	P Richards
9	00p/0	ECHO SUMMIT (D) B Palling 12-10-10	A Griffiths 4
10	2f-3p	FLASH HARRY F Yardley 11-10-9	C Smith
13	000-4	TRUSTY CATCHER M Tate 6-10-6	P Scudamore
16	3p30-	SWEET MANDY J Edmunds 8-10-0	S Smith Eccles

1983: Rambling Buck 9-10-13 H Davies (9-4) T Forster 3 ran

6 Marchant, 4 Trusty Catcher, 7 North Lane, 9 Sweet Mandy 12 Brave Jack, 16 others.

Worcester selections

By Mandarin

2.30 Knock Hard. 3.0 Nugent. 3.30 Ardent Warrior. 4.0 Trusty Catcher. 4.30 Dave The Rave. 5.0 Nice Fella

4.30 UPTON SNODSBURY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,394; 2m) (7)

3	-340-0	FALKLAND PALACE (D) D Gandolfo 7-12-0	R Earnshaw
5	3101-	DAVE THE RAVE (D) J Fox 9-11-4	M Bridgman 7
6	2433	TUDOR ROAD (CD) L Kennard 9-11-3	C Brown
9	2-112	BALLYBUTLER (CD) V Bishop 12-10-8	D Chin 7
11	300-2	DUNDRUM BAY (CD) A Barrow 9-10-1	R Hoare
16	2040-	CHELSEA ISLAND (D) W H Taylor 9-10-0	G McCourt
18	3-131	BOYNE HILL R Hodges 8-10-0	Peter Hobbs

1983: Grey Dolphin 8-11-3 G Davies (4-1) J Bradley 9 ran

7-4 Ballybutler, 5-2 Boyne Hill, 4 Falkland Palace, 6 Dave The Rave, 8 Dundrum Bay, 12 others.

5.0 LITTLEWORTH NOVICES HURDLE (Div II; £548. 2m 2f) (9)

3	0/pp-p	BROOKLANDS BABY P Kearney 7-10-0	I Raybould 7
7	00-	MARKED MAN F Winter 5-10-0	J Francome
8	p4p-	SAXON ACE C Trietline 6-10-0	R Stronge
10		SPIKE OF GOLD M Tate 8-10-10	C Smith
11	003-	TORSIDE K Bishop 5-10-0	P Richards
12	0232-	ALSAYEGH B Palling 4-10-8	C Evans 7
14	4004-	NICE FELLA Mrs M Rimell 4-10-8	S Moorshead
18		THE KRACK F Yardley 4-10-8	R Crank
20	02-	PIGLET S Christian 5-10-5	R Chapman 4

1983: Square-Rigged 6-11-0 S Knight (12-1) A Turnell 14 ran

2 Nice Fella, 3 Marked Man, 4 Alsayegh, 11-2 Spike Of Gold, 9 Piglet, 12 Torside, 16 others.

FAKENHAM

GOING: good.

2.15 LITTLE SNORING JUVENILE NOVICES' HURDLE (3-y-o: £548: 2m 80yd) (14 runners)

3	11	DETAILS GALORE C Holmes 10-12	A Webb
4	0	ASIAN KING G Vergette 10-8	Miss J Vergette 7
5		ABOUT TIME TOO D Thom 10-5	–
6		BOMBARD D Thom 10-5	–
9		MISCHIEVOUS JACK J Scallon 10-5	M Perrett
11		MR COPPER C Spares 10-5	–
12		POLYNOR M Ryan 10-5	J McLaughlin
13		RAFFLES TOWER (B) J Scallon 10-5	R Rowe
14	2	TAVARGOS C Spares 10-5	J Barlow
15	2p	TO ASTERI (BF) P Mitchell 10-5	R G Hughes
18	0	DARING ELLA B Wise 10-0	R Rowell
20	u	GENZYME GENE D Dale 10-0	A Carroll
23		MY DITTY D Weeden 10-0	K Townend 7
24	p	SMALLEST OF DREAMS R Howe 10-0	P Howe 7

1983: Asia Minor 10-5 S Smith Eccles (8-13 fav) G Pritchard-Gordon 11 ran.

15-8 Polynor, 3 To Asteri, 9-2 Details Galore, 6 Tavargos, 8 Bombard, 12 others.

2.45 WALSINGHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£583: 2m 80yd) (6)

2	4fp-0	SHARP STAR G Blum 6-11-11	–
3	0-140	RISING SOVEREIGN (B) P Butler 6-11-11	L Bloomfield 4
4	03-03	ARNAB L Wordingham 4-11-2	J Barlow
7	0033-	FULL BRIGADE R Howe 4-10-9	G Enright
8	020-	BLUE REALM Mrs K Coulman 5-10-9	S Johnson
9	00-03	HAND MAID Mrs P Townsley 4-10-7	Mr P Townsley 4

1983: End Of Era 5-11-10 S Smith Eccles (7-4 fav) J Jenkins 10 ran.

9-4 Sharp Star, 100-30 Blue Realm, 5 Full Brigade, 13-2 Arnab, 8 Rising Sovereign, Hand Maid.

3.15 DEREHAM HANDICAP CHASE (£1,300: 3m) (7)

1	020-0	PRINCE CARLTON (CD) Mrs J Bloom 9-11-10	Mr N Bloom 7
2	p0-04	MR MARLSBRIDGE O Brennan 11-11-7	M Brennan
4	3314-	BANKSIDE (CD) C Wates 12-11-4	A Webber
5	002-0	GOLD CHIEF (B) K C Bailey 10-11-2	M Perrett
6	10pf-	TEJ J Bridger 9-11-1	R Rowell
8	3122-	TAR KNIGHT R Carter 7-10-6	P Barton
10	0-u30	SERGEANT CAN R Hoad 12-10-0	R Rowe

1983: Ali Divine 9-11 Miss J Vergette (5-2) G Vergette 6 ran.

13-8 Mr Marlsbridge, 11-4 Tar Knight, 9-2 Prince Carlton, 13-2 Bankside, 10 Gold Chief, 16 Tej, Sergeant Can.

3.45 MELTON CONSTABLE GENTLEMAN AMATEUR RIDERS HURDLE (£990 2m 80yd) (9)

1	11-10	VITINGO C Holmes 5-12-0	M Lowe 4
2	1/004-	FRIDAY STREET R P Hoad 5-11-13	–
5	02-00	LE TOUQUET R Hartop 5-11-10	M Bosley 7
7	3210-	MISS METRO (CD) C Bravery 7-11-9	A J Wilson
12	1pp-	MASTER NIBBLE C Holmes 9-11-5	C Holmes 7
14	0p02-	RHYMER'S TOWER J Gifford 5-11-5	T Grantham 7
15	0-0	STEADY DUDLEY (B) J Scallan 4-11-2	T Moore 7
16	000/p-	WISSINGTON JOY P Poston 7-11-0	P Harding-Jones 7
17	p0-42	LELLIOTT'S GIRL P Mitchell 4-10-11	M Pitman 7

1983: Garfunkel 4-11 Mr S Sherwood (4-6 fav) P Mitchell 12 ran

5-2 Lelliott's Girl, 7-2 Vitingo, 4 Rhymer's Tower, 13-2 Master Nibble, 8 Miss Metro, 10 Le Touquet, 14 others

Fakenham selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Details Galore 2.45 Sharp Star 3.15 Prince Carlton 3.45 Miss Metro 4.15 Freight Forwarder 4.45 Tugboat

4.15 WATTON NOVICES' CHASE (£851: 2m) (8)

3	222p	FLIGHT SHEET P Felgate 8-11-2	S Johnson
4	p010-	FORESTDALE (D) C Wates 6-11-2	A Webber
5	144-1	FREIGHT FORWARDER A Pitt 10-11-2	R Rowe
6	0004-	GIN GAME D Weeden 7-11-2	K Townsend 7
8	pp/	KRAKUS T Palmer 8-11-2	Mrs P Palmer
9	2000-	MARUBENI W Robinson 7-11-2	J Barlow
11	d	SLIP O'GRACE G King 7-11-2	S McNeill
12	030/	STREAMLINER J Gifford 8-11-2	Mr T Grantham 7

1983: Kyoto 5-10-11 S Smith Eccles (3-1) J Jenkins 6 ran

4-9 Freight Forwarder, 11-2 Streamliner, 8 Flight Sheet, 12 Gin Game, Forestdale, 20 others.

4.45 PUDDING NORTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,175: 2m 5f 110yd) (10)

1	20p-1	TUGBOAT (CD)(B) P Mitchell 5-12-7	R G Hughes
2	0/121-	SONNY MAY J Gifford 8-11-11	R Rowe
3	022-0	TELL US ANOTHER R Carter 5-11-9	P Barton
4	00-2p	MR JET K Bailey 6-11-0	M Perrett
6	0113/	DIDDIELO B Wise 7-10-7	R Rowell
7	1200-	CONWAG J Twibell 6-10-5	–
9	3000-	GRAFTY GREEN D Dale 9-10-2	I Williams 7
10	2-030	ABALIGHT Mrs M Thomas 6-10-0	C Mann
11	000-	LUCKY IVOR R Hoad 5-10-0	M Hoad 7
12	0402/	LORDS C Spares 13-10-0	Mrs J Barlow 7

1983: Tugboat 4-11-10 R Hughes (9-2) P Mitchell 13 ran

11-10 Tugboat, 2 Sonny May, 8 Tell Us Another, 10 Mr Jet, 12 Lords, Abalight, 14 others.

Devon results

GOING: Hurdles: good to soft. Chase course: firm.

2.0 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Sausage (B Powell, 7-1); 2, Cassanova's Story (33-1); 3, Wonder Wood (40-85 fav). 3l, 8l. 18 ran. L G Kennard. TOTE: £10.70; £2.00, £7.60, £1.10. DF: £484.40. CSF: £188.33.

2.30 (3m 1f ch) 1, Jimmy Mill (C Mann, 4-1); 2, Integration (8-11 fav); 3, Cold View (4-1). nk, dist. 5 ran. I P Wardle. TOTE: £4.90; £1.40, £1.10. DF: £3.60. CSF: £7.81.

3.0 (2m-1f hdle) 1, Sunset Wonder (B Powell, 6-1); 2, Mr Seaqui (4-1); 3, Akram (7-2 jt-fav), Franciscus (7-2 jt-fav). 3l, 7l. 15 ran. L Kennard. TOTE: £8.10; £2.70, £2.30, £2.00. DF: £13.80. CSF: £34.65. Tricast: £95.92.

3.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, The Reak (R Hyett, 3-1); 2, I Wonder When (4-1); 3, Joan Addison (2-1 fav). 20l, 20l, 7 ran. F Jordan. TOTE: £4.80; £3.40, £2.20. DF: £6.80. CSF: £17.00.

4.0 (2m 1f chase) 1, Zoro (Miss K Ellis, 7-1); 2, Western Rose (1-2 fav); 3 Fabian-Song (4-1). 8l, 30l. 5 ran. NR: Water Rock. R G Frost. TOTE: £7.20; £3.20, £1.10. DF: £4.00. CSF: £11.28.

4.30 (2m, 1f hdle) 1, Kitty Come Home (S McNeill, 11-4 fav); 2, Cradle of Jazz (7-2); 3, Barney Miller (6-1). 4l, 10l. 15 ran. NR: Rehoboam, Ballymoran. D R Tucker. TOTE: £4.30; £1.30, £3.30, £4.00. DF: £7.90. CSF: £14.38. Placepot £482.90.

Uttoxeter

2.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, THE KNIFE (Sharon James 4-1); 2, Jacinto Times (4-5 fav); 3, Looking For Gold (100-30). hd, nk. 6 ran. TOTE: £3.10; £1.80, £1.10. DF: £2.20. CSF: £6.86. Stewards inquiry result stands.

2.45 (2m 4f Ch). 1, SKYTRAIN JETSET (M Brennan 10-1); 2, Serrab (3-1); 3, Avo Tour (16-1). 8 ran. Something Special (2-1 fav). Earl Jones. 3l, 25l. TOTE: £8.00; £1.40; £1.20; £6.20. DF: £13.40. CSF: £36.19.

3.15 (3m hdle). 1, JAPLING (M Williams 13-2); 2, Free Choice (4-5 fav); 3, Last of the Foxes (14-1). 3l, 2½l. 5 ran. NR: Amberwell, Captain Oates. TOTE: £5.20; £1.80; £1.20. DF: £8.30. CSF: £11.43.

3.45 (2m 1f hdle). 1, TAFFY JONES (P Barton, 4-1); 2, Mess Kid (7-2); 3, Prince of Kashmir (7-1). Butler's Pet (3-1 fav) 2½l 5l. 12 ran. TOTE: £4.60; £1.10; £1.20. DF: £10.10. CSF: £16.58. TRICAST: £82.88.

4.15 (3m 2f Ch). 1, CHEF MARCEL (S Morshead, 6-4 jt fav); 2, Succeeded (6-4 jt fav); 3, Cottage Rhyth (8-1). 7l, 15l. 3 ran. TOTE: £2.40. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.57

4.45 (3m 1f hdle). 1, SOME JINKS (S J O'Neill, 8-1); 2, Isom Dart (8-1); 3, Hodaka (8-1). Brianston Bell (9-4 fav). 6l, 2½l. 12 ran. W Clay. TOTE: £4.20; £2.60; £1.70; £2.90. DF: £9.50. CSF: £25.87. PLACEPOT: £27.60.

Perth

Going: Good. 2.15 (2m hdle) 1, Glendyke (D Tolder, 8-1); 2, Zulu Warrior (9-4); 3, Grid (3-1). Gorsky (6-4 fav) 30l, 3l. 5 ran. Tote. £14.60; 7.60, £1.30. DF: £19.80. CSF: £24.37

2.45 (2m hdle) 1, Lucylet (N Doughty, 4-9 fav); 2, Spartan Native (9-1); 3, Purple Beam (33-1). 10l, 10l. 6 ran. Mrs G Revely. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £3.30. DF: £3.30. CSF: £6.00.

3.15 (3mch) 1, Fortina's Express (R Lamb, 7-1); 2, Father Delaney (11-8 fav); 3, Hazy Glen (14-1). ½l, 1½l. 6 ran. W A Stephenson. Tote £6.90; £1.80, £1.40. DF: £5.20. CSF: £16.00.

3.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Secret Finale (P A Charlton, 2-1 fav); 2, Laugh-A-Minute (9-1); 3, Burgundy (4-1). nk, 20l. 6 ran. M J Lambert. Tote: £2.50; £1.70, £3.80. DF: £5.80 CSF £15.41. Stewards' inquiry, the result unaltered.

4.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Song Of The bards (Miss A Jessupp, 25-1); 2, Scotlen (5-2); 3, Taxodium (14-1), T Bulgin. Dukes Gold (10-11 fav) 4l, 8l. 9 ran. Tote: £54.70; £12.60, £1.70, £3.20. DF: £177.50. CSF: £85.79.

4.45 (chase) 1, Primrose Wood (N Doughty, 4-9 fav); 2, Jims Royal Connie (5-2); 3, Olletsoc (7-1); 4l, 10l. Only 3 ran. G Richards. Tote £1 50; DF £2 00 CSF £1 89

5.15 (2m flat) 1, Amadis Mr G Harker 12-1); 2, Chief Jester (4-9 fav). 3 Maunby Prince (33-1). Nk, 12l. 11 ran. T Barron. Tote £8 40, £3 00, £1 00, £6.30 DF £9.50 CSF £18.49 Placepot £346.05

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GOING: heavy

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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

BRIEFING

■ The Co-operative Development Agency, which promotes mainly worker cooperatives, is discussing with the Manpower Services Commission the commission's funding of a cooperatives equivalent of the small businesses enterprise programmes aimed at upgrading business skills in small companies, *Derek Harris writes.*

A decision is expected soon on setting up probably two pilot schemes. The CDA has put forward plans for these to be on Humberside and in Cumbria. The pilot schemes are likely to involve only three or four day courses, whereas under a full-blown programme, courses are more likely to be about three weeks long.

An annual programme of 15 to 20 courses around the country is in prospect with not more than a score of people on each course. Ian Brierley, the development officer at CDA involved with training coordination, said: "In cooperatives, there is still a grave shortage of business skills generally, but in particular, those involved in marketing. Financing skills are another weak point." A maximum of two people from an individual cooperative is expected to be imposed.

■ Five prizes each worth £5,000 are on offer to small businesses in the sixteenth annual export awards for smaller businesses, closing dates for entries being January 24 next year. To enter companies employing 200 people or less have to show an increase in export earnings over two years, with at least £100,000 earned by exports during the second year.

The awards are sponsored by the British Overseas Trade Board, Midland Bank, British Caledonian and Thomas Cook.

● Contact: *application forms at any of the sponsors' outlets or DTI small firms information centres.*

■ Edward Scottow has started a "baby-sitting" service for small businesses, *Vivien Goldsmith writes.* He had the idea after he found himself tied to his business following the retirement of his partner. He felt there must be thousands of other small businessmen in a similar position. The trick of the service is that all mail and telephone calls are re-routed to Mr Scottow's Business Trustees service. He can then send out literature, bank cheques, chase debts and alert the boss of any crisis. The basic service costs £10 a day.

● Contact: *Business Trustees, Kintail House, 11, Tennyson Road, Marlow Hill, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire HP11 2XA; (0494) 452493.*

Suiting the Bowie set

By Derek Harris

Paul Smith left school at 15 and started working in a clothing warehouse near Nottingham's lace market. Twenty two years on, that comparatively rare combination of successful designer and adept businessman, he has three London shops and has just opened one in Tokyo.

Through the doors of his Covent Garden shop, its mahogany fitments rescued from a chemist shop in Gloucestershire, come customers such as Paul McCartney, David Bowie and Mick Jagger, attracting also many a youngish merchant banker, commodity broker or ad agency man.

Smith, his shock of black hair atop a 6ft 2in frame, says: "There is an appeal in these clothes for the patently successful who do not have to try too hard for effect any more. This is an era of casual wear – there are many young people who have never worn a suit – so I make suits looser fitting with wider armholes so that they almost feel like casual wear."

Sharp, slim-fitting suits which sell well to those from the City still have the softer construction. Then there are linen suits with a textured finish, puckered to suit a casual lifestyle.

Where Savile Row may be charging £400, the Smith suit will cost about £200. He said: "I try to do collections which equal the finest designers worldwide but at reasonable prices. It produces a wide spectrum of customers."

In the past year he has nearly double turnover to £2m. Everything is made up in England with much of the fabrics used originating in the British Isles, including tweeds from Scotland and Ireland. Worsted comes from Yorkshire as well as Italy.

Exports account for 80 per cent of his trade; he has been selling to Japan for four years and in the US sells to leading department stores, including Nieman Marcus and Bloomingdales, plus speciality shops. He has a big sale in Italy through a myriad of outlets.

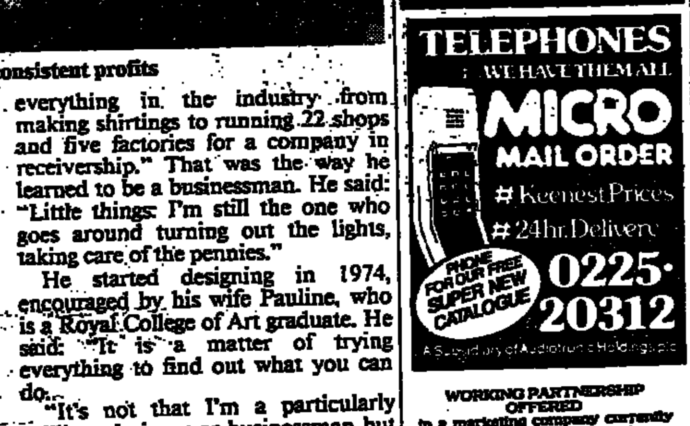
For his Japanese shop he bought the period interior of an old confectionery shop in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and shipped it to Tokyo, where his new outlet has been opened in a retail district noted for its antique shops.

He still has his original shop in Nottingham, windowless and only 12ft square, which he opened in 1970 at weekends while he continued with another job. On leaving school he had worked in a clothing warehouse and was running it by the time he was 17. Subsequently, he did "pretty well everything in the industry from making shirtings to running 22 shops and five factories for a company in receivership." That was the way he learned to be a businessman. He said: "Little things: I'm still the one who goes around turning out the lights, taking care of the pennies."

He started designing in 1974, encouraged by his wife Pauline, who is a Royal College of Art graduate. He said: "It is a matter of trying everything to find out what you can do.

"It's not that I'm a particularly brilliant designer or businessman but I can run a business and I can design. There are so many excellent designers or excellent business people but so often the designers can't run the business and businessmen do not have the right product. In Italy, France and America there are middle sized to large companies which understand the importance of design but very few in this country have learned this, one honourable exception of course being Sir Terence Conran with Habitat."

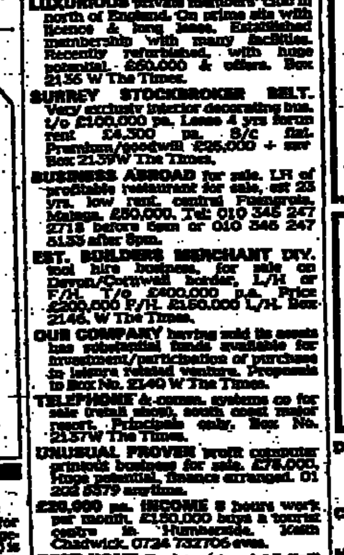
He aims in his shops at informality and "a touch of humour." There are ancillary items on offer from watches to cuff links. He said: "A lot of designer shops are like museums: everything seems untouchable.

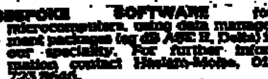


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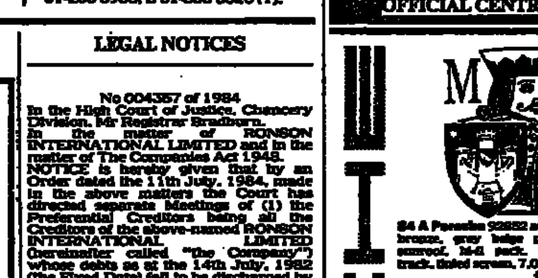
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In the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division. Mr Registrar Bradburn.
In the matter of RONSON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED and in the matter of The Companies Act 1948.
NOTICE is hereby given that by an Order dated the 11th July, 1984, made in the above matters the Court has directed separate Meetings of (1) the Preferential Creditors being all the Creditors of the above-named RONSON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED (hereinafter called "the Company") whose debts as at the 14th July, 1982 (the Fixed Date) fall to be discharged by Ian Peter Phillips and Clive Richard Sharling the Joint Receivers and Managers of the Company and any successor or successors of them or either of them as such Receivers (the Receivers) as preferential debts pursuant to Section 94 of the Companies Act 1948 and (2) the Unsecured Creditors being the unsecured creditors of the Company as at the Fixed Date other than (i) the Preferential Creditors and (ii) the parties to the Agreement made between the Company, the Receivers, Tradam Trading Company (Bahamas) Limited (Tradam) and the Other Parties being Jeffrey Port, Martin Port, Amanda Jaeger, Anthony Port, Ronson AG, Tradam Trading Company Anstalt, Mercantiles AG, and Cavwain Limited, on the 11th April 1983 to be convened for the purpose of considering and if thought fit approving (with or without modification) a Scheme of Arrangement proposed to be made between the Company and (1) Tradam and the Other Parties (2) Standard Chartered Bank plc or any assignee or successor in title to the Debenture dated the 12th October 1981 (3) the Preferential Creditors and (4) the Unsecured Creditors and that such Meetings will be held at 1 Surrey Street, London, WC2R 2NT on Monday the 15th October 1984 at the respective times specified in the Schedule hereto at which place and respective times all the aforesaid Preferential Creditors and Unsecured Creditors are requested to attend.
Any person entitled to attend the said Meetings can obtain copies of the said Scheme of Arrangement, forms of Proxy and copies of the Statement required to be furnished pursuant to section 207 of the above-mentioned Act at the office of the Joint Receivers and Managers of the Company situate at 1 Surrey Street, London, WC2R 2NT and at the office of the under-mentioned Solicitors at the address mentioned below during usual business hours on any day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) prior to the day appointed for the said Meetings ... forms of Proxy ... before the time appointed for the said Meetings but if forms are not so lodged they may be handed to the Chairman at the Meeting at which they are to be used.
By the said Order the Court has appointed Clive Richard Sharling or failing him Ian Peter Phillips to act as Chairman of each of the said Meetings and has directed the Chairman to report the results thereof to the Court.
The said Scheme of Arrangement will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Court.

The Schedule Before Referred To

Preferential Creditors of the Company	10.30 o'clock in the forenoon.
Unsecured Creditors of the Company	2.30 o'clock in the afternoon (or so soon there after as the preceding Meeting shall have been concluded or adjourned).

Dated this 28th day of September, 1984.
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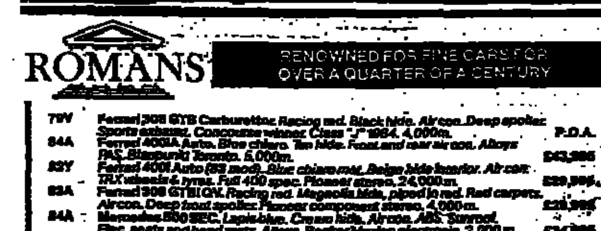
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Motoring by Clifford Webb

Renault's chip off the old block

These are troubled times at Renault France. It has been knocked off its perch as Europe's number one best seller and now languishes in sixth place behind Fiat, Ford, VW, Peugeot and General Motors. It also admits to losing money heavily.

One of the chief causes for the tumble has been the recent decline in sales of its 12-year-old Renault 5 Supermini. On its own home market the R5 is being outsold by Peugeot's new contender, the 205, and is under attack elsewhere from Fiat's Car of the Year Uno.

Ford has sold more cars in France this year than before and GM, according to Renault bosses, is "spending money like water" to batter its way up the European league table.

Against such a dismal background, the appearance this week of the R5's successor, encouragingly labelled the Super 5, has set the nerve ends twanging at the Regie. It carries all the state-owned group's hopes of becoming number one again. R5 production in 1980 reached 660,000 cars and even now tops 400,000 a year. That is almost as many as Austin Rover's total production.

But the new R5 looks so much like a clone of the old one that when six old models were parked in a pack of new ones for back-to-back testing in France last week journalists had difficulty finding them. How, therefore, will the Super 5 fare against the immediately identifiable Peugeot 205 and Fiat Uno?

Renault has put its money on the same horse as VW with the new Golf and BMW with the new 3-series: very little external changes because in its view the original shape was right then and is right now.

Instead it has spent on improving the overall package to offer a better ride and handling, more room for passengers and luggage, better fuel consumption, a less cluttered look to the dashboard and more conveniently sited controls.

The first impression of switching from the old model to the new is the improved driving position. The old one had you cramped up against the wheel with little room for elbows and knees. That claustrophobic feeling was made worse by the closeness of the windscreen.

The Super 5 is only 2in longer and wider but by following the Mini's pioneering use of the engine mounted transversely in a shorter engine compartment, it has an extended passenger cabin which gives a "big car" feeling. The steeply sloped windscreen is much further from the driver and the seats have been carefully styled to provide more headroom.

On the road the Super is a revelation. The over-busy suspension which gave the R5 such a choppy ride has given way to a much more relaxed ride.

Small cars trying to emulate the ride of larger ones frequently fall down on rough roads. Deliberately softened suspensions are slow to react to a succession of bumps or potholes. The super was driven at speed over farm and forest tracks, including a quite horrendous stretch of Belgian-type pave, without the usual squeaks of protest from the body, suspension or occupants.

Which twin is Super? The new Renault Super 5 (foreground) and the traditional version

The stubby little gear lever comes to hand easily and changes are effected with little effort but still precisely and fast. Sales start in France next month. Ten versions are planned of which seven will come to the United Kingdom early next year. The size of the smallest engine has been increased from 845cc to 956cc. The top of the range is the 1397cc TSE but there is also a competition 1397cc with turbo charging which will be seen in an R5 GT.

Fuel consumption across the range is improved with the average mpg said to extend from 41.5mpg to 54.7mpg instead of from 30.9 to 50.2mpg for the old car.

New engine

Brand-new engines are events of great moment in the motor industry today. Such is the astronomical investment necessary that most manufacturers settle for updates of existing designs. So when Fiat was ready to show off its entirely new Fire 1000 engine it took the unusual course of inviting 700 journalists to Turin just as it would have done for a new car.

Fire stands for Fully Integrated Robotized Engine and with a name like that Fire has to be more acceptable. The new engine starts life as a 1000cc unit but will clearly form the backbone of a whole new family. Its claimed advances include 30 per cent fewer components, making for cheaper production, outstanding performance at low revs leading to fuel consumption 15 per cent lower than any current Fiat unit.

At 69kgs compared with the current Fiat 903ccs 78kgs it is claimed to be the lightest in its class. It will be seen for the first time early next year in a new Fiat-Lancia. But as production at the Termoli plant builds up to 2,500 engines a day it will soon fill its original role of replacing the 30-year old engine design in the new Uno.

But already the original economics of the venture have been turned on their head by Peugeot's withdrawal from the one-time joint project because of its current financial problems. The French firm shared the £30m development costs with Fiat and planned to buy half Termoli's daily production of 5,000 engines. Producing only 2,500 instead of 5,000 considerably increased the cost of each engine in a plant where Fiat has already spent £275m.

Samba "Rag Top"

Talbot's attractive little Samba has never sold anything like the numbers its shape and styling suggested when it appeared two-and-a-half years ago. It takes much less than 1 per cent of the British market.

But one version of the Samba sells like hot cakes and is in fact on allocation, the Pininfarina-styled Cabriolet. Britain gets about 500 this year and you will have to be on very good terms with your local dealer to get your hands on one.

Its popularity is understandable. Besides being a very well executed conversion it costs only £6,595, making it one of the cheapest "rag tops" available today. The bigger Ford Escort 1.3 Cabriolet costs £7,625 and the much sought after Golf GL convertible a cool £8,150.

Although it may be lacking in space the Samba Cabriolet is a smart mover. Powered by the Peugeot group's 1360cc aluminium engine allied to a five speed box it will accelerate to 62mph in 12.5 seconds and has a top speed approaching 100mph.

The double-skimmed hood is easy and quick to operate. My test period coincided with the onset of heavy storms marking the end of this summer's idyllic weather. Throughout it all the interior of the Samba remained dry and reasonably damp proof.

But it does have one failing. Unlike Ford's Cabriolet it does not have a glass rear window complete with demisting element. Instead it relies on an entirely inadequate sheet of plastic which mists up in seconds and can only be cleared temporarily by stopping and doing the job by hand.

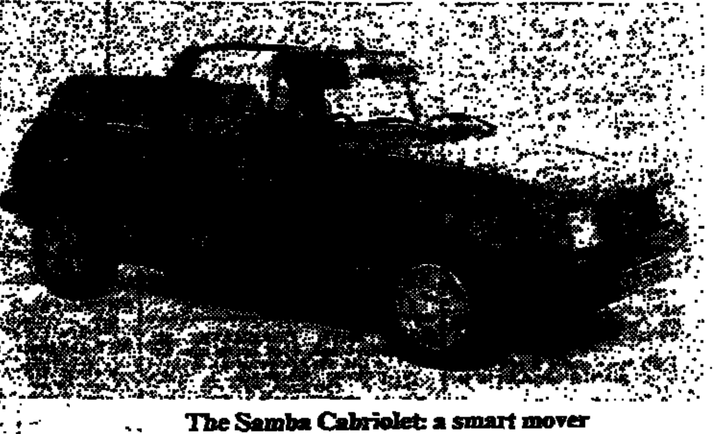
In other respects this is a very well equipped car

Vital statistics

Model: Talbot Samba Cabriolet
Price: £6,595
Engine: 1360cc alloy
Performance: Max speed 98mph. 0-62mph 12.7 seconds
Official consumption: Urban 33.6mpg, 56mph 51mpg, and 75mph 39.2mpg
Length: 11.5ft
Insurance: Group 4.

M25 map

A new large scale route planning map of the M25 London orbital motorway has just gone on sale at AA centres and bookshops, costing £1.25. It is the best attempt yet to give the motorist clear guidance on which sections are open, projected or under construction.



The Samba Cabriolet: a smart mover

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.30 Breakfast Time with Selina Scott and Nick Ross. News from Debbie Rix at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; programme choice at 6.55; a review of the morning newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18; gardening advice at 7.32; and horoscopes at 8.33.
9.00 Cavalcade. Part two of the documentary about the preparations for a performance before Princess Alexandra of Noel Coward's Cavalcade by an amateur and professional cast at Farnham's Redgrave Theatre. 9.30 Ceefax 10.30 Play School (r).
10.50 International Golf. Coverage of the first 18 holes in the second round of the Suntory World Matchplay Championship. Introduced by Harry Carpenter from Wentworth Golf Club. The commentators are Peter Alliss, Clive Clark, Bruce Critchley, Alex Hay and Mark McCormack.
12.30 News After Noon with Michael Sullivan and Christopher Lowe. The weather details come from Jim Bacon. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).
1.00 Pebble Mill at One includes a report on how Vietnamese refugees are coping with life in Britain. Plus Peter Seabrook's gardening advice. 1.45 The Flumps (r).
2.00 Racing from Ascot. Julian Wilson introduces coverage of three races – the Queensway Harlequin Stakes for Apprentices (2.15); the Queensway Carpets Stakes (2.45); and the Big 'Q' Stakes. 3.35 Cartoons. 3.48 Regional news (not London).
3.50 Play School, presented by Stuart McGugan. 4.10 Mighty Mouse (r).
4.15 Beat the Teacher. Inter-school quiz series. 4.30 Hartbeat. Tony Hart and Gabrielle Bradshaw explain how to make pictures in metal.
4.50 Stopwatch. Kathy Tayler talks to Kit Houghton, Equestrian Photographer of the Olympic Games; and Suzanne Dando tries gliding. The last in the series. 5.15 Crackerjack. A new series begins with guests Chas and Dave, Basil Brush and the Wazyrs. 5.58 Weather.
6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell.
6.30 London Plus.
6.55 Blankety Blank. Les Dawson's guests this week are Dana, Windsor Davies; Bobby d'Avro, Sabina Franklyn, Don MacLean and Linda Nolan.
7.25 'Allo 'Allo! Doubtful comedy series about a reluctant Resistance worker, Rene, who, this week, is captured by the Germans while he and his associates are trying to immobilise a railway line (Ceefax titles).
8.00 Bergerac. A political murder poses a problem for the Jersey detective. Starring John Nettles (r) (Ceefax titles).
9.00 News.
9.25 Film: Tarzan, the Ape Man (1981) starring Richard Harris and Bo Derek. The first showing on British television of this version of Edgar Rice Burroughs' fantasy which brought writs from the executors of the writer's estate. Produced by Bo Derek and directed by her husband, John.
11.13 News headlines.
11.15 Wedding in Las Vegas. A documentary about how an American gambler tested his own blackjack system at one of the best known gambling casinos (r).
12.05 Weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Jayne Irving at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; angling advice at 6.42; guest, Ron Greenwood, from 6.45; excercises at 6.46 and 9.20; the weekend's best buys at 8.43; advice on retirement at 9.06.

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9.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools: The life of a West Indian boy. 9.47 How we used to live. 10.08 Health matters. 10.26 How people make their views known. 10.48 Physics. 11.05 What parents do when their children are at school. 11.22 The Sea Green Man (2). 11.39 The Western Front of The First World War.
12.00 Chorlton and the Wheelies (r). 12.10 Rainbow. Learning with puppets (Oracle). 12.30 Alternatives. The last programme in the series examines the year 2000 as a turning point in planetary consciousness.
1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News.
1.30 Film: The Masquerader* (1933) starring Ronald Colman. The story of John Loder, a man who is an exact likeness of Sir John Chilcoate, an infirm parliamentarian. Loder agrees to take his place in the House but, unfortunately, Loder also falls for Chilcoate's wife. Directed by Richard Wallace. 3.00 That's My Dog. A quiz for canines and their owners. 3.25 Thames news headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters.
4.00 Rainbow. A repeat of the programme shown at 12.10. 4.20 Towser. 4.25 Inspector Gadget. Adventures of a bionic policeman. 4.50 Time to Time. John Huntley takes another look at what it was like living in the past (Oracle titles page 170). 5.15 Blockbusters.
5.45 News. 6.00 The 6 O'Clock Show.
7.00 Candid Camera. Highlights from the American version of the embarrassing tricks programme.
7.30 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right. Another edition of the card game show.
8.00 Me and My Girl. Comedy series about an advertising man, widowed with a young daughter, and his partner. This week they think they have landed a chocolate bar account (Oracle titles page 170).
8.30 We Love TV introduced by Gloria Hunniford. Television knowledge game between a celebrity team, this week, Nicholas Parsons and Nerys Hughes and a team of viewers, Glenys Ellis from Cheshire and Danny O'Connell of Nottingham. The celebrity guest is Jon Pertwee (Oracle titles page 170).
9.00 Mitch. This week the Fleet Street crime reporter covers a story about a petty thief, given a suspended sentence, thanks to two bribed policeman who later call round at the young man's house and discover crates of vodka, stolen, say the two policemen, a few days earlier (Oracle titles page 170).
10.00 News at Ten.
10.30 The Making of Modern London. Gavin Weightman with the story of how the suburbs grew.
11.00 The Flash of Lightning. Clive James returns to his homeland, incognito (r).
12.00 Around Midnight. The first of a new chat show series presented by Auberon Waugh and Janet Street-Porter. Their guests are Martin Amis and Philip Sallon.
12.45 Rock Concert. Toyah performs at London's Rainbow Theatre.
1.35 Night Thoughts.



Sara Sugerman: A Taste of Honey (BBC2, 2.30pm)

● FREUD (BBC2, 9.25pm) tonight invites you to wade through some very deep and murky waters, and you will need to keep your wits about you if you don't want to go under or lose your way. During this episode (three more to go), David Suchet's Freud – an intelligent, passionate and compassionate performance that, with each passing week, has continued to offer new insights into the personality of the father of psycho-analysis – has a line about an individual's misery being transformed into common unhappiness. I gather that some of my colleagues, who are feeling groggy from having to sit in on a succession of dissections of the mind, are beginning to feel that this sentiment is affecting them personally. I must admit to being totally fascinated by it all while

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understanding only half of it.

● You will not get much out of BBC Television's new, three-part adaptation of Shelagh Delaney's stage play A TASTE OF HONEY (BBC 2, 2.30pm) if you keep on comparing it with Tony Richardson's 1961 movie. Gone for one thing is the gritty visual poetry of Walter Lassally's black-and-white photography. Gone, for another thing, is the heartbreaking intensity of the short burst of happiness reflected in the eyes of Rita Tushingham as the teenager forced to grow up before her time. Retained, fortunately, is Miss Delaney's dialogue. You would not expect it to be as vividly evocative of the "kitchen sink" films and plays of the 1950s as it was, but its characteristic mixture of aloe juice and honey has not lost all its potency, and Sara Sugerman's Jo is everything it should be if (and it is a big 'if') you can push Miss Tushingham's Jo out of your memory.

● Radio highlights: Giulini conducting the London Philharmonia in two Brahms symphones, the No 2 and the No 4 (Radio 3, 7.30pm and 8.30); the KALEIDOSCOPE interview with David Hare, playwright and Associate director of the National Theatre (Radio 4, 9.45pm); and Professor David Marquand's attempt, in distinguished company to find a cure for Britain's economic ills in THE POLITICS OF INNOVATION (Radio 3, 9.30pm).

Peter Davalle.

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: Talking Turtle: Computers in the Classroom. 6.55 Images and Information. 7.20 Oil – Where from Next? 7.45 Biology, Brain and Behaviour. Ends at 8.10.
9.00 Ceefax.
9.30 Daytime on Two: Darwin and evolution. 9.52 Part two of Badger Girl. 10.15 Maths: the importance of zero. 10.38 The examination of textiles. 11.00 The Peasants' Revolt. 11.22 Glasgow since Victorian times. 11.44 Attending an interview. 12.05 Using computers.
12.30 The electronic office. 12.55 The influence of economic theorists in Britain. 1.20 For the mentally handicapped. 1.38 Urban wildlife. 2.00 Why does Paula want to escape from the assessment centre? 2.30 Part one of a new three-episode production of Shelagh Delaney's A Taste of Honey (see Choice).
3.00 Golf and Racing from Ascot. Coverage of the Suntory World Matchplay Championship. Plus the Queensway Furniture Stakes (3.35).
4.55 Weekend Outlook. A preview of the Open University programmes to be seen this weekend.
5.00 Community Theatre. An Open University production that examines the aims of two theatre companies – the Word and Action Theatre Group and the Cartoon Archetypal Slogan Theatre.
5.25 News summary with subtitles.
5.30 Championship Darts. Highlights of last night's quarter final matches in the British Professional Championship.
6.00 The Invaders. Science fiction serial starring Roy Thinnes as architect David Vincent, seemingly alone in a battle against unfriendly aliens.
6.50 Best of Brass 84. Round one of a new competition features the Yorkshire Imperial Band blowing against Kirkintilloch Silver Band.
7.25 100 Great Sporting Moments. Highlights from the Leicester v Moseley game in the final of the 1979 John Player Knockout Rugby Union competition.
7.45 The World About Us: Maori – the New Dawn. A documentary about the new sense of purpose among the New Zealand natives (r).
8.35 Gardeners' World includes Geoff Hamilton with advice on autumn treatment for lawns.
9.00 Rhoda is not keen on her sister's new boyfriend so she tries to put an end to the romance (r).
9.25 Freud. Episode three of the dramatisation of the life of the psychoanalyst (Ceefax titles) (see Choice).
10.25 Championship Darts. The semifinals of the British Professional Championship.
11.00 Newsnight.
11.45 Championship Darts.
12.30 International Golf. Highlights of today's quarterfinals of the Suntory World Matchplay Championship. Ends at 1.10.

CHANNEL 4

5.00 Alice. Linda Lavin stars in another episode from the life of the widowed Alice, earning a living and a laugh at a Phoenix, Arizona, diner, at the same time bringing up a teenaged child.
5.30 The Addams Family.* The ghoulish clan are chosen by representatives of an unfriendly nation to depict an average American family.
6.00 Trak Trix. The final programme of the series comes from Knebworth Park in Hertfordshire where the winners of the competition, King Henry VIII School, Abergavenny, face a guest team made up of experts in all the events that have appeared on the series.
7.00 Channel Four News with Peter Sissons includes a report from Trevor McDonald in New York on the day President Reagan meets the Russian Foreign Minister, Andrei Gromyko.
7.30 Right to Reply. The producer of Diverse Reports's programme on heroin replies to criticism that it was 'terrifying and irresponsible'.
8.00 A Week in Politics presented by Peter Jay. There is a report on the political significance of acid rain and of the pressures on the government from the Common Market countries and its own backbenchers to put a stop to its production; plus an interview with Roy Hattersley who sets the scene for next week's Labour Party Conference; and the results of a poll of Labour voters on their attitudes to the party's policies.
8.40 Hey Good Looking! Stephen Bayley talks to four British designers – David Salter, Nick Butler, Ken Grange and Michael Peters – about the ways they have shaped the public's lives.
9.00 Tell the Truth presented by Graeme Garden. The panel of Gyles Brandreth, Anne Diamond, Judith Hann and Jack Tinker has to discover which one of three people is telling the truth.
9.30 In Search of Paradise. The series tracing the history of gardening continues with film from Cordoba, Granada, the Alhambra and the Alcazar (r).
10.00 Reggie. The American version of the British comedy hit, The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin.
10.30 Food for Thought. Marion Bowman and Brian J. Ford examine the changes in Britain's agriculture industry over the past three decades.
11.20 Tube Extra: David Bowie – Jazzing for Blue Jeans. The television premiere of the singer's new film. Plus a preview of a new series of The Tube.
11.50 Film: Remember My Name (1978) starring Geraldine Chaplin as a woman released from prison after a 12 year sentence, determined to disrupt the new life of her former husband. Directed by Alan Rudolph.
1.30 Closedown.

Radio 4

On long wave. † denotes stereo on VHF.

6.00 News Briefing; Weather.
6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News summary. 6.45 Prayer. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.43 Bellman and True by Desmond Lowden, (final episode). Read by Norman Jones. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Desert Island Discs. The castaway is Alfred Eisenstadt, the photo-journalist who has covered many important stories for Life Magazine (r).†
9.45 Feedback with Colin Semper.
10.00 News; International Assignment.
10.30 Morning Story: 'Autumn Cricket' by Lord Dunsany. Read by Hugh Dickson.
10.45 Daily Service.†
11.00 Analysis (r).
11.48 Natural Selection. Joe Henson on the dormouse.
12.00 News; You and Yours.
12.27 Top of the Form. First Round – (9): Midlands. Alderman Newton's School, Leicester versus Aldridge School, near Walsall (r). 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour from Manchester. Includes an item on this year's Woman's Writing Conference and an interview with a Cheshire husband and wife who recently made the first British ascent of Mount Bielukha, Siberia's highest peak. There is also the third episode of Loose Connections.
3.00 News; Fame is The Spur by Howard Spring. 8: Parish By the Sword (last of eight parts) (r).
4.00 News; Home and Abroad. With Olive Shapley.
4.10 Stroma of Mey: The story of husband-and-wife sailors Nick and Chris Calder.
4.40 Story Time: 'Stepping Westward' by Malcolm Bradbury (5). Read by Robert Powell.
5.00 PM: News. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather; Travel.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 Going Places with Clive Jacobs.
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Pick Of The Week: presented by Glyn Worsnip.
8.20 Profile. A personal portrait.
8.45 Any Questions from Street, Somerset. With Dame Judith Hart, David Owen, Auberon Waugh, Richard Cottrell and John Timpson.
9.30 Letter From America by Alistair Cooke.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes an interview with writer David Hare and comment on the film Top Secret and Martin Amis's new novel Money.
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: 'Stars and Bars' by William Boyd. (10). Read by Kerry Shale. 10.29 Weather.
10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.00 News Headlines.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Week Ending with Bill Wallis, David Tate, Sally Grace and David Jason
12.00 News 12.10 Weather. 12.15-Close Shipping Forecast.

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Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: part one. Corrett's Organ Concerto Op 26, No 1 (Houbart, soloist); Machaut's Ballade: Biauté qui toutes autres pere, etc (Gothic Voices); Dvorak's Serenade for strings in E Op 22.
8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Fauré's Cello Sonata No 2 in G minor, Op 117 (Lodeon/Collard); Dowland's Pavana Johan Douland; Rimsky-Korsakov's suite The Golden Cockerel.
9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composers: Szymanowski and Panufnik: the latter's Sinfonia Votiva, 1981; and the former's Stabat Mater.
10.00 Czech Piano Duets: Peter Noke and Helen Krizos play Kabelac's Mala Suite Op 42; Dvorak's Legends Op 59 No 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 10; Janacek's National Dances of Moravia.†
10.40 Telemann, Handel and Bach: Northern Sinfonia (under Malcolm) play Telemann's Ouverture des nations anciens et modernes; Handel's Concerto Grosso in D minor, Op 6 No 10; Bach's Suite No 1 in C major.†
11.40 Song Recital: Anne-Sophie von Otter (mezzo) and Pamela Lidiard (piano). Debussy's Trois chansons de Bilitis; Gosta Nystroem's Songs by the sea; Poulenc's Banalités.†
12.15 Midday Prom: Part one. BBC Philharmonic Orchestra (under Herbig), with Stephen Hough (piano). Brahms's Tragic Overture; Mozart's Piano Concerto No 13.†
1.00 News. 1.05 The Barrow Poets: Root Cellar (an anthology of poetry and music on the theme of Earth).†
1.20 Midday Prom: part two. Schubert's Symphony No 8 (Unfinished); Wagner's Prelude and Liebestod (Tristan und Isolde).†
2.05 Beethoven and Bartok: Erich Gruenberg (violin) and David Wilde (piano). Beethoven's Sonata in E flat Op 12 No 3; Bartok's Sonata No 2.†
2.45 Berlioz: Romeo and Juliet. Cincinnati SO (under Gielen). The three principal instrumental sections from the Symphonie dramatique. Op 17.†
3.30 Harpsichord Recital: Virginia Black plays Bach's Fantasia and Fugue in A minor BWV 944; Scarlatti's Sonatas in F sharp, Kk 318 and 319; Bach's Toccata in D, BWV 912.†
4.00 Choral Evensong: from Durham Cathedral – live.†
4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of David Hoult's selections of music.†
6.30 Music for Guitar: Wolfgang Lendle plays Sor's Fantaisie elegiaque, Op 59; Lendle's Variations capriceuses d'après Paganini (first UK broadcast).
7.00 Twentieth Century Piano Music: Janis Vakarelis plays Bartok's Six Dances in Bulgarian Rhythm (Mikrokosmos); Skalkottas's Suite No 4, and Shostakovich's Dances of the Dolls.†
7.30 London Philharmonic Orchestra: (conductor Carlo Maria Giulini). Part one. Brahm's Symphony No 2.†
8.10 Penge Papers: Brian Wright's final reading from his confessions of an unwaged metropolitan househusband.
8.30 Concert: part two. Brahm's Symphony No 4.†
9.30 Documentary: The Politics of Innovation. Compiled and presented by Prof David Marquand, Professor of Contemporary History and Politics at Salford who asks: why is British business not more innovative and successful? Contributors include Sir Geoffrey Chandler, Professor Ronald Dore and Sir Monty Finniston.
10.15 Seven Rilke Motets: BBC Singers perform Carl Rutti's Seben Motetten nach Rainer Maria Rilke.†
11.15 News. Until 11.18.

VHF only – Open University: 6.35-6.55am The Key. 11.20-11.40pm The Uses of Psychology.

Radio 2

On medium wave. † denotes also VHF stereo.

News on the hour (except 9.0pm). Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. 4.00am Martin Kelner.† 5.30 RayMoore.† 7.30 Terry Wogan† including 8.31 Racing 10.00 Jimmy Young.† 12.00pm Steve Jones† including 12.02, 1.05 Sports Desk 2.00 Gloria Hunniford† including 2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk 3.30 Music All The Way.† 4.00 DavidHamilton† including 4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn† including 6.02 Sports Desk, 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf only). 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night direct from the De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-on-Sea.† including 8.20-8.40 Interval – Bob Sinfield takes a lighthearted look at history of seaside entertainment. 9.30 The Organist Entertains with Nigel Ogden.† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Show with No Name (new series) Comedy sketches with Eddie Braben. 10.30 Broadway Babes. 12. Chita Rivera. Presented by Sheridan Morley. 11.00 Late Night Friday with Derek Robinson. 1.00am Jean Challis presents Nightride.† 3.00-4.00 Night Owls.†

Radio 1

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News on the half hour from 6.30am until 8.30pm, then at 10.00 and 12 midnight. 6.00am Mark Page. 7.00 Mike Read 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Andy Peebles including 12.30pm Newsbeat. 2.00 Adrian John 4.30 Select-a-Disc with Janice Long. 5.30 Newsbeat. 5.45 Roundtable with Richard Skinner 7.00 Andy Peebles. 9.00-12.00am The Friday Rock Show. (stereo from 10.0pm). VHF Radios 1 & 2 4.00am With Radio 2. 10.00am With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Modern Masterpieces 7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 Guitar Workshop 7.45 Merchant Navy Programme 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Meet The Composer 8.30 Worlds Of Faith 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 Album Time 10.15 Merchant Navy Programme 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 In the Meantime 11.25 Ulster Newsletter 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Jazz for the Asking. 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty Four Hours 1.30 Radio Theatre 2.15 Letterbox 2.30 John Peel 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Outlook 4.00 World News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Science in Action 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four hours 8.30 Middlemarch 9.00 Network UK 9.15 Music Now 9.45 Nineteen Eighty-four 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 From the Weeklies 11.30 Raymond Aron – Conscience of The West 12.00 World News. 12.09 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 About Britain. 12.45 Recording of the Week. 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.30 I've Heard That Song Before 1.45 Letterbox 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 People and Politics. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Talking About Music. 4.45 Financial News 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News 5.09 Twenty Four Hours 5.45 The World Today.

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BBC1 WALES 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales Headlines. 3.48-3.50 Crackerjack (as BBC-1 5.15pm). 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-6.55 The Good Life. 12.05-12.10 News and weather. SCOTLAND 12.55pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 6.30-6.55 Reporting Scotland. 9.25-9.55 The Beechgrove Garden. 9.55-11.40 Film: Tarzan and The Ape-Man. 11.40-11.45 News and weather. NORTHERN IRELAND 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland News. 6.30-6.55 Inside Ulster. 12.05am-12.10 News and weather. ENGLAND 6.30pm-6.55 Regional News Magazines.

S4C Starts 2.00pm Ffenestri. 2.20 Stori Sbri. 2.35 Hyn O Fyd. 2.55 Interval. 3.30 Old Country. 4.00 It's Our Life. 4.25 Scotland's Story. 4.55 Lan Lofft. 5.05 Ffiach Heulyn. 5.35 The Addams Family. 6.00 WKRP in Cincinnati. 6.30 Not Just a Statistic. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Trebor. 8.00 Cofio Tryweryn. 8.30 Dweud Eich Dweud. 9.15 Chance in a Million. 9.45 Tell the Truth. 10.15 The House. 11.25 Reggie. 11.50 Soap. 12.20 David Bowie. 12.50 Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Return of Frank James. 3.00-4.00 Shillingbury Tales. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 What's Ahead. 10.36 Judi. 11.05 Film: Psychomania (Beryl Reid). 12.40am Postcript, Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

HTV As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Whispering Smith Hits London* (Greta Gynt). 3.00-3.30 Movie Makers. 6.00 News. 6.30-7.00 Let's Go. 10.30 Your Say. 10.45 West This Week. 11.15 Film: Hound of The Baskervilles (Peter Cook and Dudley Moore). 12.40am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 11.22am-11.37 About Wales. 6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30 Animal Tales. 11.00 Film: Hound of The Baskervilles. 12.30am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.00 Film: Tarnished Heroes (Anton Rogers). 6.00-7.00 North Tonight. 10.30 Film: Bitter Harvest (Janet Munro). 12.30am News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Cover Girls. 2.55-3.00 Track Stars. 6.00 Calendar. 6.35-7.30 Simon and Simon. 10.30 Film: Play Dirty (Michael Caine). 12.40am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Raffles* (David Niven). 2.55-3.00 MGM's Diamond Jubilee. 6.00-7.00 News. 10.35 Hill Street Blues. 11.35 Film: Circus of Horrors. 1.20am Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Checkpoint. 6.00 News. 6.02 The Making of Supergran. 6.30-7.00 Northern Life. 10.32 Film: Land of the Minotaur (Peter Cushing). 12.00 Rock Alive. 12.30am Christian Calendar, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30-3.00 Film: Twenty Male Team. 3.25 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Granada Reports. 6.35-7.30 Simon and Simon. 10.30 Pub Quiz Final. 11.00 Film: Frankestein and the Monster from Hell. 12.45am Just Jazz. 1.25 Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.30 Film: Fighting Stock (Ben Travers comedy). 6.00-7.00 About Anglia. 10.30 Anglia Reports Strasbourg '84. 11.00 Film: City of the Dead (Chrisopher Lee). 12.30am Goodnight Folk, Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Film: Man in Black. 3.00 Three Little Words. 3.30-4.30 Blockbusters. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30-7.00 Scotland Today. 10.30 Teachers Only. 11.00 Late Call. 11.05 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace. 12.05 Paris by Night. 12.35 Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20 New. 1.30 Film: Return of Frank James. 3.00-4.00 Shillingbury Tales. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 What's on Where. 10.34 In Camera. 11.05 Film: Psychomania. 12.40am Closedown.

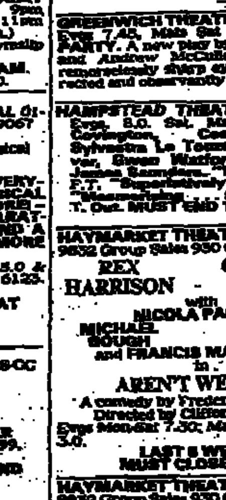
TVS As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.32 Return of The Saint. 2.32 Three Little Words. 3.00 Afternoon Club. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.30-7.00 Country Ways. 10.30 Whole New Ball Game. 11.00 Canterbury Festival Gala Concert. 12.30 Company, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Lunchtime. 1.30-2.30 Floods of Fear. 3.30-4.00 Protectors. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.20 Sportscast. 6.45-7.00 Advice. 10.35 On Stage Tonight. 11.00 Hardcastle and McCormick. 11.35 Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.00 Film: Miranda (Glynnis Johns). 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road. 10.30 Film: Touch of Class (Glenda Jackson). 12.25am News, Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN
† Stereo. ★ Black and white. (r) Repeat

Entertainments



New coal peace plan from Labour

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its delegate conference. These are the decisions we abide by and no other.

"The members of this union determine our policy and we resent the attempted interference by outside bodies in the internal affairs of a free and independent union. If this situation was happening in Poland, people would be screaming about state interference."

The union insists that 80 per cent of its 180,000 miners are out on strike, with 131 pits hit by the dispute.

Mr Scargill brushed aside comments by the Prime Mininster and other Cabinet ministers that power cuts were unlikely for many months.

The Labour Party's own statement on the dispute, due to be debated at its conference in Blackpool on Monday, has been amended to satisfy objections from the mineworkers.

It is understood that references to a "new" Plan for Coal which could appear to support the policy of Mr MacGregor will be deleted. The section on picket-line violence has been modified to exclude any mention of "violence by a handful of pickets".

The stage is also being set for a clash with the High Court over the union's refusal to ballot its members on the strike. Dissident South Yorkshire mineworkers from Manton colliery are seeking a court order compelling the union to hold a secret pithead vote within 28 days.

Gromyko attack on US leaves door to dialogue

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constructive role of the US in world affairs."

But he added that the US would continue to attempt to establish a more constructive relationship with the Soviet Union.

US officials do not expect any tangible results from today's meeting at the White House. The best they expect is that it will help improve the atmosphere between the two superpowers.

Following his address, Mr Gromyko held talks with Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary. He then held talks with Mr Walter Mondale, the Democratic presidential candidate.

The haunting face of a peer among actors





Dramatic illusion: Lord Olivier as Hess and (right) the famous walk across Spandau (Photographs: Terry Fincher).



Behind the mask: Hitler's former deputy in 1945.

The sunken face, the fanatical glint in the aging eyes, the stooped shoulders as he trudges yet again across the prison courtyard.... The four allied powers holding 90-year-old Rudolf Hess, a solitary prisoner in West Berlin's grim, red-brick Spandau jail, have not relented and allowed photographs (Patricia Clough writes).

Four miles from Spandau, Lord Olivier, 13 years Hess's junior, is acting out the lonely, ghostly life of Hitler's deputy. An old factory has been converted to look like the jail where Hess has been a prisoner for 43 years, with barbed wire on its high walls, electric fences, watch towers, sentinels and notices saying "guards have orders to shoot".

Rare photographs smuggled out against the strictest orders by allied servicemen have served as a basis for the scenes and the remarkable likeness. Lord Olivier is filming *Wild Geese II*, directed by Peter Hunt and produced by Euan Lloyd.

Based on the book, *The Square Circle* by Daniel Carney, it is the story of a plot hatched by an American television company and an international group of mercenaries to free Hess and smuggle him out of Berlin.

Richard Burton, who starred in *Wild Geese I*, was to have played the leading mercenary. His place has been taken by Edward Fox. The film, to be released early next year, also features Scott Glenn and Barbara Carrera. Security on location is as severe as in Spandau: the company does not want anyone to know how the film ends.

Meanwhile, unseen and unawares, the real Rudolf Hess, who made headlines with his escape to Britain in 1941 to seek an end to the war, continues his lonely daily round as he will – barring unexpected mercy from the Russians – until the end of his life.

Letter from the Kharroub

Neighbours wait to start the slaughter

Something testable hangs over the Kharroub. It is quite palpably there, although the evidence suggests a kind of paradise, a series of villages on low stony hills overlooking the Mediterranean, where middle-aged men sit on the balconies of broken villas sipping coffee all morning.

In the streets, there are lazy-eyed dogs and children who watch strangers with amusement rather than suspicion. In the fields, there are delicate, brown-winged butterflies. Even in the blasted electricity sub-station at Siblin, the heavy machine gun lies on a cot, homely and vulnerable, as if war had somehow decided to by-pass the hills and the midday heat.

The very front line has something pastoral about it, a notional perimeter that runs between the low hills five hundred yards up from the sea, with little flags on top of each one, red for the progressive Socialist Party, white with a cedar tree for the Phalange.

Listen carefully as the breeze hisses through the fig trees and olive groves and you can actually hear them cursing each other, the peasant boys and farmers' sons of the Kharroub getting ready to cut each others' throats.

It is only when you talk to them that you realize how very serious is their front line. Up in the tiny village of Mogheiriyeh, the local Sunni Muslim militia commander sits in a plastic chair while his wife serves coffee. "Down there", he says confidently, "all the local Christians have gone. The Phalange have brought in men from Beirut. And if they don't let us down to the sea, we'll fight our way down."

A few hundred yards away, on one of those little hilltops, we find three of the Christian militiamen. They are not from Beirut. They are middle-aged local men, a lorry driver, a civil servant, an out-of-work golf club employee, unshaven and holding their rifles with clumsy, Home Guard enthusiasm.

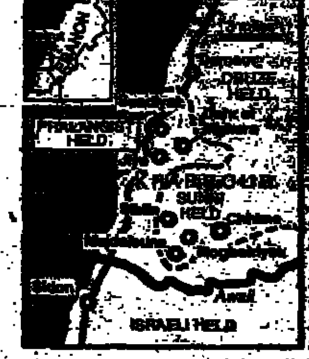
But their militia commander thinks he knows who their Muslim enemies are. "They are not local people", he says. "Up there, they are Palestinians and some of Khomeini's 'Soldiers of God'."

Only then do you realize that the cruellest front line runs through the very minds of the people of the Kharroub.

Eight miles to the south, the Israeli Army maintains its front line along the Awali River. The Phalangists, armed, uniformed and supported by Israel, hold only a narrow strip of land that runs 13 miles up the coast to the edge of Damour.

Both sides acknowledge that if the Israelis did not drive a squad of their muddy jeeps up the deserted coastal highway every few days, the Phalange would already have been destroyed. If the Israelis should leave the Awali, they are clearly doomed. And not many weeks from now, the Israelis are planning to do just that.

In the claustrophobic office of the PSP commander in Chhime, you are told that the "siege" of the Kharroub – both sides, needless to say, regard themselves as besieged – will have to be lifted. Adnan



Hussein speaks carefully. "If the Phalange withdraw at the same time as the Israelis, that's fine with us. If not, we will open the roads by force."

In the Phalangist headquarters at Jiye, Cherbal Nakad, the local Christian commander, has a thin, intense face. "When the Israelis pull back from the Awali, there will be massacres," he says. "We are Christians and have the responsibility to protect the Christians here."

But can they protect them? Cherbal Nakad thinks for a while. "I'm a military man," he says slowly, "I prefer to tell them there will be a solution. I want to comfort my people."

But solutions look ever less likely in the Kharroub, and neighbours now see themselves as strangers in preparation for what lies ahead. Perhaps that is their comfort.

Robert Fisk

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother opens the 30th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference in the Isle of Man; arrives Villa Marina 11.20.

Princess Anne visits the Royal Naval Air Station, Yeovilton, Somerset, 2.30.

Princess Margaret, as president, attends the Queensway Race Day in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Ascot Racecourse, 12.45.

New exhibitions

William Morris and the Middle Ages: Whitworth Art Gallery, Whitworth Park, Manchester; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Thurs 10 to 9 (ends Dec 8).

Work by Malcolm Woodward; Cooper Gallery, Church St, Barnsley, S Yorks; Tues 1 to 5.30, Wed to Sun 10 to 5.30 (ends Oct 29).

Twentieth Century English work from the English Collections: Exhibition Gallery, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes. Mon to Wed 9.30 to 6, Thurs and Fri 9.30 to 8, Sat 10 to 5 (ends Oct 27).

Music

Organ music by Dr Francis Jackson, in aid of the York Minster Appeal Fund; Bingley Parish Church, W Yorks, 8.

Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Theatre Royal, Plymouth, 7.30.

Piano recital by Nina Vinogradova, Ripon Cathedral, 7.30.

Concert by the St Cecilia Singers; St Andrew's Church, Naunton, Nr Cheltenham, Glos, 8.

Concert by the Orchestra of St John's Smith Square: Canford School, Wimborne, Dorset, 8.

Woo burn Festival: recital by Emma Johnson (clarinet) and Edward Moore (piano), St Dunstan's Church, Bourne End, Bucks, 8.

Hexham Abbey Festival: concert by the Northern Sinfonia, Festival and Sinfonia Choruses with Gillian Weir (organ); Hexham Abbey, 7.30.

General

Festival of Flowers in aid of the NSPCC; Sutton Place Heritage Trust, Sutton Place, Guildford, Surrey; 10 to 5, tomorrow 10 to 7, Sun 10 to 5.

Book Fair; The Town Hall, Bournemouth, 12 to 8, tomorrow 10 to 5.

Book Fair; The Mitchell Library, Glasgow, 12 to 8, tomorrow 10 to 5.

Heart of England Craft Market and Model Railways; Sports Centre, University of Keele, Nr Stoke-on-Trent, 2 to 9, tomorrow 10 to 6, Sun 10 to 5.

André Okey's *Noah* performed by Southwell Theatre Club; Southwell Cathedral, Notts, 7.30.

Anniversaries

Births: **Caravaggio**, painter, Caravaggio, Italy, 1573; **Georges Clemenceau**, premier of France 1917-20, Mouilleron-en-Pareds, 1841.

Deaths: **Andrea del Sarto**, painter, Florence, 1530; **Herman Melville**, novelist, New York City, 1891; **Louis Pasteur**, Saint-Cloud, Paris, 1895; **Emile Zola**, Paris, 1902; **Andre Breton**, pioneer of surrealism, Paris, 1966; **Gamal Abdel Nasser**, president of Egypt 1956-70, Cairo, 1970.

The Greeks defeated the Persian army at Marathon, 490BC.

Public Records

The reading rooms of the Public Record Office at Kew, Chancery Lane and Portugal Street will close for annual stocktaking at 5pm today and will reopen at 9.30am on Monday, October 8, 1964.

Roads

The Midlands: A446: Contraflow along Coleshill bypass, Warwicks. A50: Road closed at Ashby De La Zouch.

The North: A691/1692: Stage 1 roadworks on the Leadgate bypass, co Durham. A19: Roadworks between Borrowby and S of Thirsk; lane closures; diversions. A6127: Single lane traffic across Tyne Bridge; severe delays.

Wales and west: M5: Roadworks on northbound carriageway between junction 13 (Stroud) and 14 (Thornbury); contraflow on southbound.

Information supplied by the AA.

Food prices

Home-produced lamb is excellent value this week as the average retail price of leg is down by 2p to £1.52; loin and best end chops are down by 3p a pound to £1.73 and £1.58, respectively. Selected cuts of New Zealand lamb are also cheaper. There are few changes in beef prices, fillet steak is down a penny to £3.32 a lb and best mince averages £1.12 a lb. Pork prices are up another 2p a lb on all cuts. Loin chops range from £1.26 to £1.50 a lb, and boneless shoulder, 98p to £1.38 a lb.

Some goods buys for this week: Sainsbury home-produced lamb, with some cuts reduced by as much as 34p a lb, and fresh chicken drumsticks and thighs at £1.04 a lb. Bejam pork shoulder steaks are down 7p to £1.65 a lb. Tesco rump steak at £2.58 a lb and topside and silverside for £1.78.

Top quality cucumbers at 36 to 60p and tomatoes 35 to 55p lb are slightly dearer this week, but there are plenty of good quality salad ingredients available. British Iceberg lettuce, 40 to 50p and Webs 20 to 30p, raw beetroot 15 to 20p lb, celery 22 to 40p a head and watercress 24 to 32p a bunch. Carrots 10 to 18p, parsnips 18 to 25p (delicious roasted with a joint), cauliflower 35 to 45p each and red and white potatoes 7 to 12p, are all excellent value and quality. English summer cabbage 12 to 20p a lb and greens 18 to 22p are new this week and are good buys. Pickling onions 14 to 20p and sweet corn at 16 to 20p each.

Superb quality pineapples from Shelford, Ivory Coast and Ghana are available at prices ranging from 50p to £1.50, according to size.

Top films

The top box-office films in London:

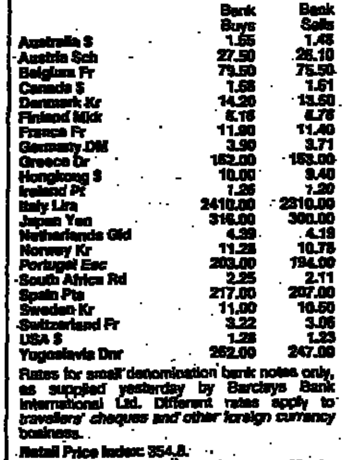
1 (-) Company of Wolves
2 (1) Paris, Texas
3 (-) Lassiter
4 (-) Streets of Fire
5 (3) Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom
6 (2) Romancing the Stone
7 (4) The Hit
8 (6) Unfaithfully Yours
9 (5) Bachelor Party
10 (7) Cal

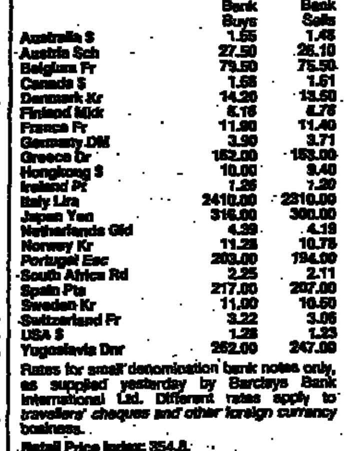
The top films in the provinces:

1 Bachelor Party
2 Reuben, Reuben
3 Comfort and Joy
4 Police Academy
5 Beat Street

Supplied by *Screen International*

The pound





	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.55	1.45
Austria Sch	27.50	26.10
Belgium Fr	79.50	75.50
Canada $	1.68	1.61
Denmark Kr	14.20	13.50
Finland Mkk	8.16	4.78
France Fr	11.90	11.40
Germany DM	3.90	3.71
Greece Dr	162.00	153.00
Hongkong $	10.00	9.40
Ireland Pt	1.26	1.20
Italy Lira	2410.00	2310.00
Japan Yen	316.00	300.00
Netherlands Gld	4.39	4.19
Norway Kr	11.26	10.75
Portugal Esc	203.00	194.00
South Africa Rd	2.25	2.11
Spain Pta	217.00	207.00
Sweden Kr	11.00	10.50
Switzerland Fr	3.22	3.06
USA $	1.28	1.23
Yugoslavia Dnr	262.00	247.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 354.8.

London: The FT Index closed up 3.0 at 872.0.

Portfolio

Times Portfolio rules are as follows:

1 Times Portfolio is free. Purchase of The Times is not a condition of taking part.

2 Times Portfolio list comprises a group of public companies whose shares are listed on The Stock Exchange and quoted in The Times Stock Exchange prices page. The companies comprising that list will change from day to day. The list is divided into four groups of ten shares (1-10, 11-20, 21-30 and 31-40) and every Portfolio card contains two numbers from each group.

3 Times Portfolio "dividend" will be the figure in pence which represents the optimum movement in prices (i.e., largest increase or lowest loss) of a combination of eight (two from each group) of the 40 shares which on any day, comprise The Times Portfolio list.

4 The daily dividend will be announced each day and the weekly dividend will be announced each Saturday in The Times.

5 Times Portfolio list and details of the daily or weekly dividend will also be available for inspection at the offices of The Times.

6 If the overall price movement of more than one combination of shares equals the dividend, the prize will be equally divided among the claimants holding those combinations of shares.

7 All claims are subject to scrutiny before payment. Any Times Portfolio card that is defaced, tampered with or incorrectly printed in any way will be declared void.

8 Employees of News International plc and its subsidiaries and of Europrint Group Limited (producers and distributors of the card) or members of their immediate families are not allowed to play Times Portfolio.

9 All participants will be subject to these Rules. All instructions on "how to play" and "how to claim" whether published in The Times or in Times Portfolio cards will be deemed to be part of these Rules.

10 In any dispute, The Editor's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

11 If for any reason The Times Prices Page is not published in the normal way Times Portfolio will be suspended for that day.

How to play – Daily Dividend

On each day your unique set of eight numbers will represent commercial and industrial shares published in The Times Portfolio list which will appear on the Stock Exchange Prices page.

In the columns provided next to your shares note the price change (+ or –), in pence, as published in that day's Times.

After listing the price changes of your eight shares for that day, add up all eight share changes to give you your overall total plus or minus (+ or –).

Check your overall total against The Times Portfolio dividend published on the Stock Exchange Prices page.

If your overall total matches The Times Portfolio dividend you have won outright or a share of the total prize money stated for that day and must claim your prize as instructed below.

Portfolio – how to play

Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

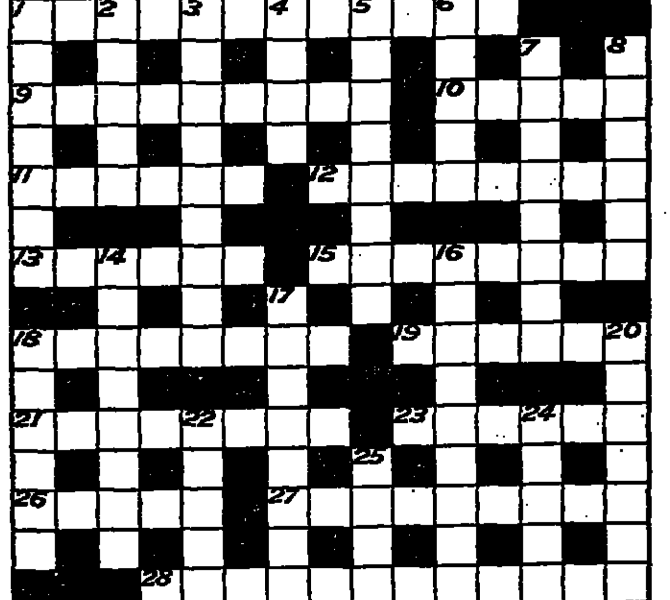
The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

● Some Times Portfolio cards include minor misprints in the instructions on the reverse side. These cards are not invalidated.

● The wording of Rules 2 and 3 has been expanded from earlier versions for clarification purposes. The Game itself is not affected and will continue to be played in exactly the same way as before.

● Rules will appear again in Monday's paper.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,547



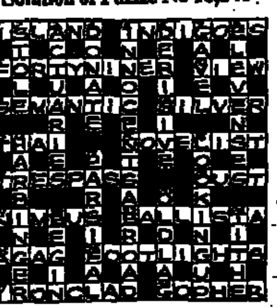
ACROSS

1 Selfish affection shown by skeletons secretly embracing? (8,4).
9 Where ducks are organized by rule, say? (9).
10 Cook used this compass (5).
11 A big effort to provide a little music (6).
12 To be mad about fish is outmoded (8).
13 Scotland's Long Island sent back a message (6).
15 Badly out in test of academic instruction (8).
18 Touchstone a terribly erratic one of these? (8).
19 Amber needs this stiffener going before Tudor court (6).
21 What perfects the career of a professional man? (8).
23 Hard worker in Paris for example (6).
26 Katisha was the Mikado's daughter-in-law — (5).
27 Girl putting on weight beginning to diet, it is declared (9).
28 This pact, we hear, by a Liberal statesman? (9,3).

DOWN

1 Small boy and sister get a metal frame (7).
2 River deity directly opposite (5).
3 Nothing bent, as it becomes inflexible (9).
4 King dethroned by the rabble (4).
5 Plan to take in Jack, the idle fellow (8).
6 A sign giving the Roman male his marching orders? (5).
7 Bet is right with one or more at the front (8).
8 Cancel the campanologists' encore? (6).
14 Faces forbidding services (8).
16 Brute torn in pieces in the battle (9).
17 Swimmer's fast speed coming up, difficult to follow (8).
18 Not much change in the laundry (6).
20 Sneaky-looking sequel to Toby's denigration (7).
22 Short drink a pound, some say (5).
24 Genesis portrayed by namesake of its smooth man (5).
25 Bird's speed over the water (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,546



Prize Crossword in The Times tomorrow
CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 8

Weather forecast

An area of low pressure will move towards W districts.

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S, E England, E Midlands: Cloudy, rain at times perhaps heavy later; wind S moderate to fresh; max temp 17C (63F).

W Midlands, Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, heavy at times; wind S moderate to fresh; max temp 17C (63F).

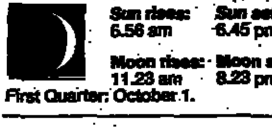
N Wales, NW, central N, NE England, Lake District: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, heavy at times; wind S moderate to fresh; max temp 16C (61F).

Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Rather cloudy, showers or longer outbreaks of rain, heavy at time; wind S moderate to fresh; max temp 14C (57F).

NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy, showers or longer outbreaks of rain, heavy at times; wind S moderate to fresh; max temp 13C (55F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Apart from some rain in E districts at first, most places will have sunny intervals and showers which may be heavy at times; tem will be around normal.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea: Wind S moderate or fresh; mainly fair; visibility moderate or poor; sea moderate. Straits of Dover, (English Channel (E): Wind S fresh locally strong; showers; visibility moderate or poor with fog patches; sea moderate to rough. St Georges Channel, Irish Sea: Wind S fresh or strong; rain or showers; visibility moderate or good but poor with fog patches at first in E; sea moderate to rough.



Sun rises: 6.56 am — Sun sets: 6.45 pm

Moon rises: 11.23 am — Moon sets: 8.23 pm

First Quarter: October 1.

Lighting-up time

London 7.15 pm to 6.28 am
Bristol 7.25 pm to 6.38 am
Edinburgh 7.28 pm to 6.42 am
Manchester 7.28 pm to 6.37 am
Penzance 7.37 pm to 6.49 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloudy; f, fair; r, rain; s, sunny.

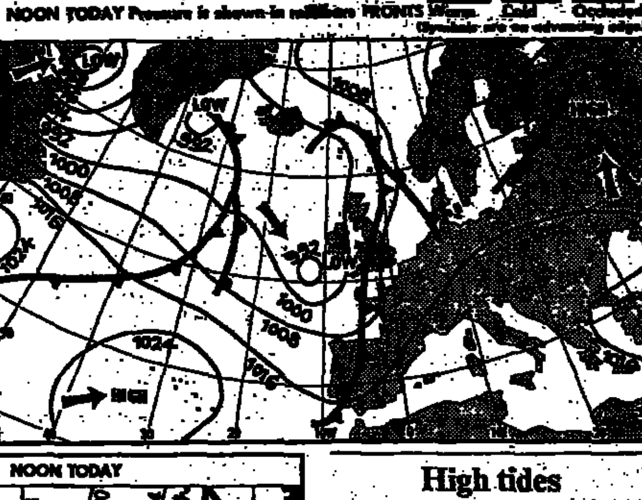
		C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	14	57	Guernsey	c	17	63
Birmingham	c	16	61	Inverness	r	11	52
Blackpool	r	16	61	Jersey	f	18	64
Bristol	d	17	63	London	c	16	61
Cardiff	c	16	61	Manchester	c	16	61
Edinburgh	c	14	57	Newcastle	f	13	55
Glasgow	c	14	57	Ronaldsway	r	15	59

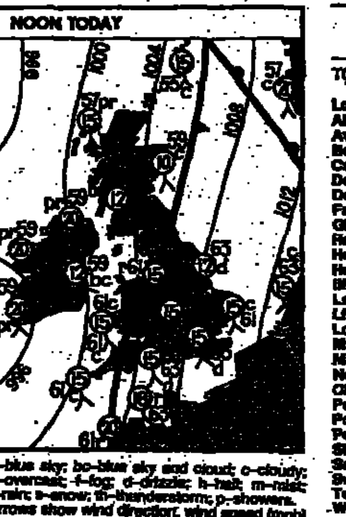
London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 17C (63F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 11C (52F). Humidity: 6 pm, 83 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, a trace. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.4hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1011.8 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Highest and lowest

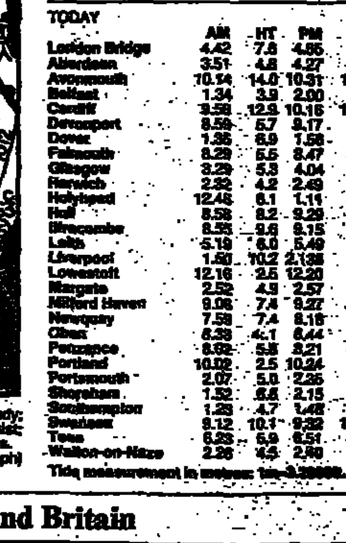
Yesterday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 20C (68F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Cape Wrath, 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Machrihanish (Kintyre), West Freugh (Dumfries & Galloway), 0.67in; highest sunshine: Lowestoft, 5.2hr





b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. Temperatures fahrenheit.

High tides

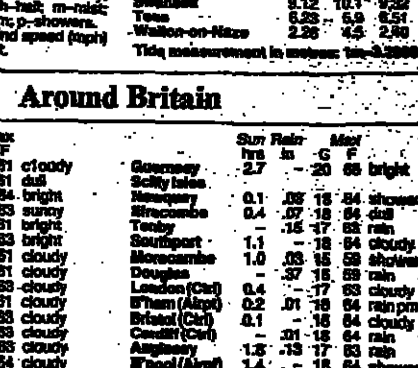


TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.42	7.6	4.55	7.6
Aberdeen	3.51	4.8	4.27	4.3
Avonmouth	10.14	14.0	10.31	13.9
Belfast	1.34	3.9	2.00	3.5
Cardiff	9.59	12.9	10.16	12.8
Devonport	8.59	5.7	9.17	5.7
Dover	1.36	6.9	1.58	7.0
Falmouth	8.29	5.5	8.47	5.5
Glasgow	3.29	5.3	4.04	4.8
Harwich	2.32	4.2	2.49	4.3
Holyhead	12.46	6.1	1.11	5.7
Hull	8.58	8.2	9.29	7.7
Ilfracombe	8.55	9.6	9.15	9.6
Leith	5.19	6.0	5.49	5.7
Liverpool	1.50	10.2	2.13	9.7
Lowestoft	12.16	2.5	12.20	2.8
Margate	2.52	4.9	2.57	5.1
Milford Haven	9.08	7.4	9.27	7.4
Newquay	7.58	7.4	8.18	7.4
Oban	8.38	4.1	8.44	4.1
Penzance	8.02	5.8	8.21	5.8
Portland	10.02	2.5	10.24	2.5
Portsmouth	2.07	5.0	2.35	5.0
Shoreham	1.52	6.6	2.15	6.6
Southampton	1.28	4.7	1.48	4.8
Swansea	9.12	10.1	9.32	10.0
Tees	6.23	5.9	6.51	5.6
Walton-on-Naze	2.26	4.5	2.50	4.5

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain



	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	2.1	–	16	61	cloudy
Bridlington	0.9	–	16	61	dull
Cromer	4.7	–	18	64	bright
Lowestoft	5.2	–	17	63	sunny
Clacton	2.9	–	16	61	bright
Margate	–	–	17	63	bright
Folkestone	1.8	–	16	61	cloudy
Hastings	0.6	–	16	61	cloudy
Eastbourne	0.2	–	17	63	cloudy
Brighton	–	–	16	61	cloudy
Worthing	1.0	–	17	63	cloudy
Littlehmptn	0.3	–	17	63	cloudy
Bognor R	1.3	–	17	63	cloudy
Southsea	0.4	–	18	64	cloudy
Sandown	0.4	–	17	63	cloudy
Bournemouth	–	.01	17	63	cloudy
Poole	–	.01	18	64	rain
Swanage	0.1	.01	17	63	cloudy
Weymouth	–	.01	17	63	drizzle
Exmouth	–	.05	16	61	drizzle
Torquay	–	.08	17	63	rain
Falmouth	–	.09	16	61	drizzle

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Guernsey	2.7	–	20	68	bright
Scilly Isles					
Newquay	0.1	.05	18	64	showers
Ilfracombe	0.4	.07	18	64	dull
Tenby	–	.16	17	63	rain
Southport	1.1	–	18	64	cloudy
Morecambe	1.0	.03	15	59	showers
Douglas	–	.37	15	59	rain
London (Ctrl)	0.4	–	17	63	cloudy
B'ham (Airpt)	0.2	.01	18	64	rain pm
Bristol (Ctrl)	0.1	–	18	64	cloudy
Cardiff (Ctrl)	–	.01	18	64	rain
Anglesey	1.8	.13	17	63	rain
L'pool (Airpt)	1.4	–	18	64	showers
Manchester	0.5	–	18	64	cloudy
Nottingham	0.1	–	18	64	cloudy
N'cstl-o-Tyne	1.3	–	16	61	cloudy
Carlisle	0.4	.06	17	63	rain pm
Eskdalemuir	–	.38	14	57	drizzle am
Prestwick	0.3	.21	16	61	rain
Glasgow	0.3	.29	15	59	rain
Tiree	0.6	.30	15	59	rain am

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	22	72	Cologne	c	14	57	Majorca	s	24	75	Rome	f	22	72
Akrotiri	s	28	82	Copenhgn	c	12	54	Malaga	f	24	75	Salzburg	f	13	55
Alexandria	s	29	84	Corfu	s	23	73	Malta	s	24	75	Sao Paulo*	c	18	64
Algiers	s	31	88	Dublin	c	17	63	Melbourne	f	15	59	S Francisco*	c	24	75
Amsterdam	f	15	59	Dubrovnik	f	20	68	Mexico C*	r	15	69	Santiago	s	18	64
Athens	s	25	77	Faro	f	23	73	Miami*	r	28	82	Seoul	f	21	70
Bahrain	s	35	95	Florence	c	16	61	Milan	s	19	66	Singapore	c	26	79
Barbados*	f	29	84	Frankfurt	c	14	57	Montreal*	s	10	50	Stockholm	c	12	54
Barcelona	s	24	75	Funchal	f	23	73	Moscow	c	13	55	Strasbourg	c	14	57
Beirut	s	28	82	Geneva	s	18	64	Munich	f	13	55	Sydney	s	23	73
Belgrade	c	13	55	Gibraltar	s	22	72	Nairobi				Tangier	f	25	77
Berlin	c	14	57	Helsinki	r	11	52	Naples	c	18	64	Tel Aviv			
Bermuda*	f	27	81	Hongkong	c	28	82	New Delhi	s	31	88	Tenerife			
Biarritz	s	23	73	Innsbruck	f	12	54	New York*	f	17	63	Tokyo	f	23	73
Boulogne	c	14	57	Istanbul	s	22	72	Nice	s	21	70	Toronto			
Bordeaux	f	17	63	Jiddah	s	35	95	Oslo	c	11	52	Tunis	s	29	84
Brussels	s	15	59	Jo'burg				Paris	c	16	61	Valencia	s	25	77
Budapest	f	14	57	Karachi*	f	30	86	Peking	c	20	68	Vancouver*	f	13	55
B Aires*	c	13	55	Las Palmas	s	25	77	Perth	s	20	68	Venice	s	17	63
Cairo	s	33	91	Lisbon	s	21	70	Prague	r	11	52	Vienna	c	14	57
Cape Tn	s	21	70	Locarno	s	16	61	Reykjavik	f	9	48	Warsaw	c	12	54
C'blanca	s	24	75	L Angeles*	s	25	77	Rhodes	s	27	81	Washington*	c	21	70
Chicago*	s	9	48	Luxembg	c	8	46	Riyadh	s	37	99	Wellington*	c	12	54
Ch'church*	f	13	55	Madrid	s	22	72	Rio de Jan	r	21	70	Zurich	c	14	57

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